

Sandwich Quar. Mtg

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FOR NEW ENGLAND

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At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held at
New Bedford for Sandwich the 29 day of the 3rd Mo.
1805

- 1 (Accounts from the several monthly meetings being
presented the representatives are
Sandwich; Daniel Bowerman, Seth Kelly;
Pembroke; Benjamin Estis, Joseph Rogers
Nantucket; Peleg Mitchell, Abel Macy
Dartmouth; Joseph Tucker, Giles Smith, Sam^l Slade
Acushet; Lovat Tripp, Jonathan Peckham, Adam Allen
New Bedford; Samuel Norman, Richard Davis, Watson Howland
Nantucket No District; Robert Brayton, David Mitchell
All present except Peleg Mitchell & Daniel Bower-
man for whose absence satisfactory reasons have
been assigned

2nd The Queries have been read with answers
thereto from all the monthly meetings, from
which the following general answers have
been compiled

- Answer 1 All our meetings have been attended and gen-
erally by the most of our members, yet too many
suffer themselves to be diverted from the important
duties of attending midweek meetings & there for dis-
cipline, the hour mostly observed: Generally clear
of unbecoming behaviour except sleeping, which
appears in a few or times some care extended
2 Love and Unity measurably maintained. Detrac-
tion guarded against; Endeavours are used to
end differences when they appear

Answer 3^d We think many friends endeavour to bring up their children and those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from the reading of pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the World. who are themselves exemplary, while others appear unconcerned herein. The Scriptures are frequently read in most of our Families.

4th Generally careful in the use of Spirituous liquors, frequenting Taverns and places of Public resort though not without exceptions; the other part clear as far as appears except in one instance.

5th Clear as far as appears—

6th Mostly careful in these respects though not without exceptions; in which one has been attended

7th As to Priests Wages we have in Trials; by an account from one monthly meeting it appears that a jealousy exists that all have not been sufficiently cautious in the support of our testimony against bearing arms; in which some care has been expended, we know of no deficiencies in any other instance in the several branches of this Query.

8th Generally careful to inspect our affairs and settle accounts though not without exceptions; public gifts & Legacies duly applied

Answer 9th Clear as far as appears —

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10th We know of no complaint as respects the performance of promises and payment of Debts yet fear all are not careful to circumscribe their burings as truth requires some care extended

11th Marriage certificates duly recorded, births and deaths not fully attended ^{to} in all our meetings some instances of removal without certificates which are under notice

12 Care appears to be taken to deal regularly with offenders and endeavours used to elicit judgment according to discipline. though not without exception in one monthly meeting which is under notice

3rd The monthly meetings of Nantucket Dartmouth & Nantucket for the northern District inform that they have forwarded their proportion of stock to our treasurer

4th Dartmouth monthly meeting inform they have appointed James Tucker to the station of an Elder which being weightily considered and having the concurrence of the Women's meeting is united with & W. M. T. Junt is appointed to give him information thereof

Geo Church's 5th An Epistle from our beloved Friend George Churchman was read in this meeting to satisfaction and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to the several monthly meetings

Write with
Dartmouth
mo. meeting
in appointing
Jas Tucker
an Elder

Geo Church's
memoirs -
Epistle

6th The consideration of the proposition by
 Nantucket North District Monthly meeting for the
 appointment of Elizabeth Gardner to the
 station of an Elder. The consideration of
 which was referred from our last Quarterly
 meeting; has been brought forward, it
 is the sense of this meeting that the
 subject be for the present dismissed
 yth

The proposition
 of Nantucket
 Mo. meeting for
 the No District
 for appointing
 Elizabeth Gardner
 an Elder.
 Dismissed

Our Treasurer is requested to forward our
 Proportion ~~proportion~~ of Stock to the Treasurer
 of the Yearly meeting

8th Samuel Rodman Obed Macy, John
 Mosher, Lathan Wood & David Mitchell
 are appointed representatives to the Yearly
 meeting

9th The following account was prepared and
 directed to be forwarded to the Yearly meeting

From our Quarterly meeting of Friends
 held at New Bedford for Sandwich the
 29 day of 3rd Month 1805. To the Yearly
 meeting of Friends next to be held on
 Rhode Island

Dear Friends

We have received extracts
 from the minutes of your meeting for Last

account
 to yearly
 meeting

year together with transcripts of Epistles from ⁵
Philadelphia & New York and from London
for 1803 all of which have been read to
our Edification.

The Queries have been read with answers
thereto from all our monthly meetings from
which the annexed general answers have been
compiled, to which we refer you for the State
of our meeting.

We have directed our proportion of Stock
paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with Dartmouth monthly
meeting in the appointment of James Tucker
to the Station of an Elder. —

We have appointed Samuel Rodman,
Obed Macy John Mosher Lathan Wood
& David Mitchell our representatives

Signed in & by direction of our
Meeting aforesaid By

Wm Sawyer Wall Clerk

10th The business which came before this meeting
being accomplished we propose to meet again at
Nantucket at the usual time.

Wm Sawyer Wall Clerk

All a quarterly meeting held at Nantucket
for Sandwich 2^d of June 1805

Accounts from the several monthly meetings
being presented the representatives are,

Sandwich Daniel Bauman Silas Swift

Portbrook Stephen Rogers Smith Brown

Nantucket Nathan Carns to Stephen Luther Obe
Hucy, - - -

Dartmouth Elephariah Kimbrey Joseph Estis
James Tucker

Shoorett Samuel Sweet Prince King York
Gifford

New Bedford Theodosius Swain Joseph Weston
Benjamin Taber Jr. -

Nantucket & District James Barker Libni Gardner
Deley Easton.

All present except Silas Swift Stephen Rogers
and Joseph Estis for whose absence satisfactory
reasons were assigned

The accounts have been read and answers given
there to the st. 2^d of June all the monthly ac-
counts from which the Annual Summary was
compiled.

The representatives appointed to attend
the quarterly meeting inform that all attended
except Samuel Sweet who was absent a sister
being married was married.

Resolved an instant plan be taken for
meeting and having they have concluded to raise
\$600 for the service of the coming year and
the next meeting is desired to forward \$250

To their business, and the several monthly meetings
are desired to forward their several propositions as
heretofore to their meetings, transcribing with an eye
thereof. -----

This meeting adjourns to the fourth hour
the afternoon.

Met by adjournment

Our beloved friend William Lloyd from Great
Britain being present, presented a copy of the
the several meetings of watched in the 18th century
also one from the Quarterly meeting held in 18th
and 19th century and one from the meeting of 18th
and 19th century held in London, expressive of their
unity with him. His company was joyful
because have been very acceptable to us.

Received copies of Epistles from London, Phila-
delphia New York, N. Carolina and Baltimore which
have been read in this meeting to satisfaction.
and the Clerk is directed to forward transcripts of
the same to the several monthly meetings. -----

This meeting having received from the meeting
of suffragans two hundred copies of a treatise on
Church discipline compiled by Job Scott and are
directed to be distributed to the several monthly
meetings.

The business which came before this meeting
being accomplished, we propose to meet again
in the tenth month at Sandwich.

At a Quarterly meeting for Sandwich held
at Sandwich the 14th day of 10. Month 1805

1st Accounts being recieved from all the Monthly
meetings the representatives are —

Sandwich George Allen, Samuel Wing

Pembroke Zachary Estus, Stephen Rogers

Dartmouth Richard Davis, Abner Potter

Nantucket Prince Gardner, Benj^m Mitchell

W^m. Mac^e
Acoaxet — Prince Wina Samuel Newick
Isaac Peckham

New Bedford Weston Howland

Asa Smith Nicholas Davis

Nantucket } Libri Gardner Laban Mitchell
Northern District }
Robert Brayton

All present except Prince Gardner for whose
absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

2nd A Certificate from the Monthly meeting of Buck-
Benjamin } ingham Bucks County Pennsylvania on behalf
White and }
Thomas Cause } of our Esteemed Friend Benjamin White was
attendance } read. his religious services have been to satis-
& Certificate } faction and his company acceptable also
one from the same monthly meeting on

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behalf of Thomas Cary Jun^r as companion to the aforementioned
Friends his Company has been acceptable and the Clerk
is directed to furnish each of them with a copy of this
minute as it respects them.

3rd New Bedford Mo Meeting inform them have
directed their proportion of Stock paid to our treas-
urer.

4th The Queries have been read with answers
to the usual three from which the following sum-
mary was compiled

(Answer 1st All our meetings for Worship and
discipline are attended by the greater part of
our Members; yet deficiencies with some are
manifest in most Meetings the hour gen-
erally observed; not all clear of Sleeping; mostly
clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some care
extended

Answer 2nd Love and Unity are in a good
degree maintained by most Friends, who
and detraction is guarded against though
there is a shortness in these important points
care is taken to end differences.

Answer 12th Generally careful to deal regularly
and impartially with all offenders and to place
Judgment according to discipline.

5 The business which came before this meeting
being concluded we propose to meet again
at New Bedford in the 12 Month

Jym
W. Sawyer Wall Clerk

1st At a Quarterly meeting for Sandwich held
at New Bedford the 1st of 12 Month 1805

Accounts being presented from all the Monthly
meetings, the representatives are —

Sandwich Daniel Bowerman, Abel Allen

Pembroke Zachariah Estus, Mordecai Ellis

Nantucket William Macy

Dartmouth Giles Smith Lathan Wood

Acornet Eber Davis Ebenezer Baker

Adam Allen

New Bedford Sands Wing Peter Barney

Ezekiel Bracey

Nantucket } Peleg Easton Robert Bragton
No District }

All present except the representatives from Nantucket
and Nantucket for the No District whose
absence was owing to contrary winds we
apprehend

11.

2 The Queries were read with answer to the usual
three from which the following summary
was compiled -

1st All our meetings for worship and discipline
are generally attended by the greater part of
Friends; a few are slack in this duty
the hour pretty well observed; mostly clear
of sleeping or other unbecoming behaviour
some care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd There appears to be a considerable number
concerned to maintain love and unity; and
to guard against detraction, though
some are deficient herein - where differ-
ences arise ~~and~~ endeavours are used to end them
care is taken to remedy those defects -

12 Care is generally taken to deal with offenders
and judgement is placed when it appears necessary
we trust in the authority of Truth

3
proposition
of the meetings
of Nantucket
for altering the
place of holding
the Quarterly
meeting in 3rd Mo

The monthly meetings of Nantucket and Nantuxet
for the No. District propose that the Quarterly
meetings usually held at New Bedford in the 3rd
Month be in future held at Nantucket
The consideration whereof is referred to
Next Quarterly meeting.

4
Stock The Monthly meetings of Sandwich have
devoted their proportion of Stock paid to
our Treasurers

5
London yearly & Epistle The General Epistle from the Yearly meeting
Epistle of London was read to satisfaction

6
Conclusion The business brought before this meeting being
accomplished we propose meeting again at
New Bedford in the 3rd Month next

Wm
William Surger, Vale, Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting for Sandwich
held at New Bedford 28th of 3rd mo. 1805. ---

Accounts from several monthly meetings,
were presented the representatives therein ---
named are.

Sandwich Elias Swift Prince Gifford. ---
Pembroke John Bailey Joseph Rogers. ---
Hartmouth Giles Smith Samuel Gifford
Richard Davis Joseph Wing. ---

Acaxett Samuel Hewit Isaac Pickham
John Mosier

New Bedford William Ketch Jr Asa Smith
Joseph Austin all present. ---
No accounts from the monthly meetings.

13.

of Vantucket and Vanticket northern district, prevented us approaching by contrary winds.

The time for which the Clerk and ap^{nt} were appointed having expired, Samuel Rodman is appointed Clerk for the day. ----

Westport and Pembroke monthly meetings inform they have directed their propositions of the last yearly meeting Bk. to our treasures

The proposition received from the monthly meeting of Vanticket at our last Quarter, for the meeting usually held in the 3rd mo. to be held there, is again referred in consideration of there being no representation from their meeting.

The Queries with answers thereto from the five monthly meetings from which ~~the~~ account have been received and read, from which the following summary was compiled, and is directed to our next yearly meeting as description of the state of their Quarter with the exception of the meetings of Vanticket. ----

Answer 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended we believe generally by the most of friends yet a slackness appears in some, especially on week days, the hour is pretty well observed, some appearance of sleeping, pretty dear of other unbecoming behaviour. Therefore, some care taken in the above deficiencies. ----

2 Love and unity in a good measure subsists

amongst us, and we believe most friends are concerned to guard against detraction. Tho. we fear some are not so careful, in this respect, as truth requires, when differences have appeared, endeavours have been used to end them. —

3^d We believe there is a care amongst us to bring up those under our direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and appearance and to keep them from reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world and to example well themselves, whilst some others are too much unconcerned in those important matters, the holy scriptures often read in most friends families. —

4th Spirituous Liquors not wholly confined to medicine, yet most friends avoid the unnecessary use thereof, friends generally careful as to the attendance of taverns and places of Public resort, except a few instances under notice, a good degree of moderation appears at births, marriages and burials. —

5th The circumstances of the poor appear to be inspected and the necessary relief afforded and their children generally partakers of learning to fit them for business none placed out of the Society that we know of.

6th We believe due attention to the regular proceedings on account of marriage is not generally paid, altho. there does not appear any material complaint, disorderly marriages generally discouraged. —

7th We believe friends are mostly careful in the few instances where they are exposed to trial, to support our testimony against Great wages and Military matters, clear as to the other parts. - - -

8th We think friends are not all so careful in their accounts as would be best, in which some care has been taken, gifts and Legacies duly applied. - - -

9th Clear as far as appears, - - -

10th We believe friends are mostly careful, in performing their promises and paying their just debts, a few instances excepted, and we fear all are not so careful in launching into business as truth requires, some care taken in their deficiencies.

11th Marriages duly recorded, births and deaths not all recorded, several instances of removals without Certificates most of which are under notice.

12th Care has been generally taken to deal with offenders in a good degree, as given and to place judgment according to discipline. - - -

An account to our next yearly meeting was prepared and read in this meeting which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign and forward it by our representatives John Bailey, Joseph Tucker, Obadiah Davis, Prince Wing, William Macy and William Ketchum. - - -

The business of this meeting being finished

We conclude and adjourn to our next
Quarterly meeting to be held at Nantucket

Samuel Rodmans Clerk
10th day

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at
Nantucket: the 5th day of 7 Month 1800

Accounts from all the monthly meetings
being presented the representatives are,

Sandwich, Daniel Bowerman, Samuel Wing
Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, James Rogers
Nantucket, William Macy, John Coffin
Barnabas Bunker -

Dartmouth, Zephaniah Buffington
Richard Davis Joseph Estes

Acornet Samuel Hewitt, Prince Wing
Adam Allen

New Bedford, Perry Russell, Matthew

Howland, William Howland

Nantucket }
Northern District } Obed Mitchell Paul Freese
All Present

17.
1st William Sawyer Hall is appointed
Clerk for the remainder of the present year

2nd Our Beloved Friends Enoch Norland and
Daniel Quimby attended this meeting and
presented certificates from their respective
monthly and Quarterly meetings. Their compa-
ny and services at this time as well as in
many meetings preceding have been very accept-
able, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each of
them with a copy of this minute as it respects
him.

3rd Our Esteemed Friend William Mitchell
attended this meeting as companion to our said
Friend Enoch Norland. His company has been
very acceptable, as has that of our Friend
Mark Coffin who accompanies our Friend
Daniel Quimby, and the clerk is directed
to furnish each of them with a copy of this min-
ute as it respects him.

4 The proposition from the two monthly meet-
ings of Wardswick communicated in the
12 Mo last respecting the ^{place for the} future holding the
the Quarterly meeting in the third month
came under consideration: John Bailey
Smith Brown, Isaac Peckham, James
Truher, Samuel Wing, William Nitch Jun^r
William Macy, Joseph Wing, Abner Potter
Laban Mitchell, William Howland
James Baxter Obed Macy Richard
Davis are appointed a committee to weigh
the same and report to the adjournment of

of this meeting

5th This meeting adjourns to 11th hour Afternoon

6th Met by adjournment —

7 The Queries have been read with answers to the 1. 2. & 12. from which the annexed Summary was compiled

1st Our Meetings for worship and discipline are generally attended by most of our Members, and the hour pretty well observed, yet a great Slackness appears in some in the attendance of mid week meetings. not all clear of sleeping. Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour, some care taken in the above deficiencies

2 Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and distraction guarded against yet there appears a slackness in some in these important duties when differences have appeared care has been taken to end them

102 Care is taken to deal with Offenders in good degree agreeably to this Query and to place judgment according to discipline

8th Nantucket - monthly meeting inform
They have approved ^{public} the appearance of Ben-
jamin Mitchell in the Ministry which being
weightily attended to and having the concurrence
of the Women's meeting is united with
and Abishai Bunker is appointed to inform
the Select meeting thereof -

9 The same Monthly meeting inform they have
appointed Samuel Macy to the station
of an Elder. which being solidly considered
and the women's meeting uniting therewith
the appointment is concurred in and Abishai
Bunker is appointed to inform the Select
Meeting thereof -

10 The committee appointed in the former sitting
of this meeting to take into consideration
the proposition from the monthly meetings of
Nantucket for changing the place for holding
the Quarterly meeting in the 3rd Month report
that it is their judgement that the busi-
ness is not sufficiently matured, and that
the further consideration of it be referred
to a future meeting

11 The representatives to the Yearly meet-
ing report their attendance

- 12 Our Beloved Friend Dorcas Gardner appeared in this meeting and in a feeling manner, laid before it a concern she has for some time had on her mind to pay a religious visit to Friends of Virginia and some parts of North Carolina, she likewise presented a Certificate from Nantucket Monthly Meeting expressing their near unity with her: which being weightily considered, this meeting unites and sympathizes with her in her concern and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may open the Way and the Clerk is directed to make an endorsement on her Certificate agreeably to the tenor of this Minute.
- 13 The monthly meetings of Nantucket and Nantucket Northern District inform they have remitted their proportion of stock for the Year 1805
- 14 The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we propose to meet at Sandwich in the tenth Month -

Wm. Sawyer Wale Clerk

21.

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held
at Sandwich for Sandwich the 3rd day of 10th
Month. 1808)

Accounts from all the monthly meetings
being presented the representatives are for
Sandwich Pince Gifford Jun John King Jun
Pomeroke Mordecai Ellis Benjamin Estlin
Dartmouth David Gifford James Tucker,
Nantucket Benjamin Paddock Jun Abigail Paddock
Acapes Isaac Peckham Ebenezer Baker Pince King
Re Bedford Cornel. Howland, Sam. Rodman Edw. King
Nantucket + } Jonathan Swain David Mitchell
North Dist. }

All present except Jonathan Swain for
whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

The Queries with answers to the 1. 2 & 12 were
read from which the following Summary was
compiled

It appears by the answers to the Questions that
our meetings are generally attended by the greater
part of our members on first days of the week;
but that there is a negligence in some in the
attendance of midweek meetings and those
for discipline; that care is taken upon the
appearance of sleeping and other unbecoming beha-
viour of which there are some instances; that
Love and Unity are measurably maintained though
not so generally as would be desirable; that

Detraction is mostly guarded against. That when differences arise care is used to end them; and that care is taken to deal regularly with offenders and endeavours used to place judgements when necessary according to discipline — except in one monthly meeting where a doubt is expressed of not seasonably dealing with offenders

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly meeting were received & read and are as follows —

The Committee on general Services made the following proposals for an alteration in the discipline

Agreed that for initiating convinced persons into membership with us

That they appear at a preparative meeting when circumstances will admit of it and request to come under the Care of Friends; and if the preparative meeting approve the same that they acquaint the monthly meeting thereof, which is to be substituted instead of the fore part of the minute of 1760 page 21st ending with the words to be taken under their Care —

They further propose that the following minute be substituted instead of the minute of 1772 page 64

"It is our sense and Judgement that it is

improper that it is improper for brothers' children
 Sisters' children half brothers' children or half
 Sisters' children to marry together; or any near
 er than a first Cousins Child; And if
 any notwithstanding shall proceed to marry
 nearer than a first Cousins child being
 previously cautioned and advised against
 it that the monthly meeting where such
 belong give forth a public testimony against
 them, and not receive ~~them~~ ^{such} into Unity again
 until such meetings are well assured that
 they have found a place of sincere repentance and
 are received in the Truth."

Which after ~~solid deliberation~~ ^{consideration} is with the price
 ting propose united with and they are directed
 to be inserted in all our books of Discipline.
 the former under the head of Convicted persons
 the latter under the head of Marriages

This meeting hath concluded to raise \$700
 the ensuing year of which the Proportion of said
 with Quarterly meeting is \$315 which they are
 desired to forward to this meetings Treasurer and
 an Account to the next Yearly meeting

Extracted from the minutes of Our Yearly meeting
 held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the
 16th to the 10th of 6th Mo inclusive 1806

Obadiah Davis Clerk

This meeting agrees to raise \$400 for the service of the ensuing Year which is requested may be forwarded by the several monthly meetings to our Treasurers in the usual proportions as follows

9%	Sandwich	\$ 36 ~
3	Pembroke	\$ 12 ~
14	Dartmouth	\$ 56 ~
20	Nantucket	\$ 80 ~
9	Acoset	\$ 36 ~
25	New Bedford	\$ 100 ~
20	Nantucket North District	\$ 80 ~
		<u>\$ 400</u>

Our beloved Friend James Davis expressed in this meeting a concern which rests on his mind to pay a religious visit to Friends in some of Southern and middle States. He also presented a certificate from New Bedford Monthly meeting which being solidly considered he is left at liberty to pursue his prospect and the Clerk is directed to make and sign an endorsement on his Certificate according to the Tenor of this minute

Our beloved Friend John Russell Davis shewed in this meeting a concern which has for some months been upon his mind to pay a religious visit to many or most of the meetings of Friends in the Southern States. He likewise presented a Certificate from New Bedford Monthly

meeting after weighty consideration thereon he ²⁵
is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as truth
may lead and the Clerk is directed to make
and sign an endorsement on his Certificate
agreeably to the import of this minute.

The business which came before this meeting
being accomplished we propose to meet again
at New Bedford in the 12th Month next

Wm. Sawyer Will Clerk,

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends for Sandwich
held at New Bedford the 12 Day of 12 Month 1806

Accounts being received from all the
monthly meetings the representatives are

Sandwich Joseph Hoar Samuel Wing

Pembroke John Bailey Benjamin Estes

Nantucket Matthew Barney Peleg Macy

David Ray

Dartmouth Lathan Wood Caleb Therman

William Anthony

Acoset Levat Tripp Samuel Newitt

Resolved Howland

New Bedford Peter Barney Thomas Hazard

Stephen Hathaway Junior

Nantucket Northern District Jethro Mitchell Junr

Robert Brayton

All present

The monthly meetings of Pembroke Nantucket
Dartmouth Acoset New Bedford and Nantucket
Northern District inform that they have directed
their Proportion of Stock to be paid to our
Treasurer

The Queries have been read with answers
to the 1. 2 & 12 from which the following
Summary was Compiled

57
1st All our meetings for Worship and Discipline have been attended by the most of Friends. The hour generally observed. Some appearance of sleeping in a few at times. Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some care taken in the above deficiencies.

2nd Love and Unity in a good degree maintained by the most of Friends, and detraction generally guarded against. Endeavours are used to end differences when they appear.

1st Care is taken to deal regularly with Offenders and to place Judgement where it appears necessary according to Discipline.

The London General Epistle has been read to our Edification.

The London corresponding Epistle for 1805 and that of Philadelphia for the present Year have been read to our Satisfaction and copies thereof are directed to be sent to the Monthly Meetings.

Our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer our proportion of Stock

The business brought before this meeting being
accomplished. we propose meeting again on this
place in third month Next.

William Sawyer Wall Clerk

29.

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends for
Sandwich held at New Bedford the 27th
day of 3rd Month 1804 -

Accounts being presented from all the
Monthly meetings the Representatives are from
Sandwich. Silas Swift, Benjamin Percival Jun
Pembroke. Stephen Rogers. Smith Brown.
Nantucket. W^m. Macy. Jared Gardner. Miskin Paddock.
Dartmouth. Samuel Gifford. James Tucker. Richard Davis
Acrauxet. Philip Dunham. John Howland. Isaac Macomber
New Bedford Francis Taber Ezekiel Braley

Nantucket } Paul Huprey Sylvanus Coleman Obed. Mitchell
North District }

All present except Stephen Rogers and Sylvanus Coleman
for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The time for which the clerk to this meeting was
appointed being expired. W^m. Sawyer Wallis
appointed Clerk and Sands Wing Assistant Clerk
for the Year ensuing

The Queries have been read with answers thereto
from all the monthly meeting from which the
the following General Answers were compiled *

Sandwich monthly meeting inform that they
have directed their proportion of Stock paid to

* See the general Answer in the Account to the
Yearly meeting - -

to our Treasurer —

A Communication from last Yearly meeting was read to our instruction and copies thereof are directed to be sent to all the monthly meetings.

Our Friends Daniel Aldrich & Israel Saben attended this meeting with certificates from their respective monthly meetings. Their company has been very acceptable —

~~The following account to the Yearly meeting was prepared and signed by the Clerk~~

Samuel Redman, James Tuckers,
Pelay Mitchell & Daniel Boweren are appointed
Representatives to the next Yearly Meeting

The following account to the Yearly meeting was read ^{and} approved —

From our Quarterly meeting of Friends for
Sandwich held at New Bedford the
27 Day of 3rd Month. 1807

To the Yearly meeting of Friends next to be
held on Rhode Island for New England

Dear Friends

We have received extracts
from the minutes of your meeting of

last Year with transcripts of Epistles from
London for 1805 and of Philadelphia and
New York and the London General Epistle
of last Year - which have been read to
our instruction and encouragement
as has a communication of Counsel and
advice from your meeting

The Queries have been read with answers thereto
in this meeting from which the annexed general
answers have been compiled and to which we
refer you for the present state of our Meeting

Our proportion of Stock is paid to your Treasurers

We have United with Nantucket monthly meeting
in approving the public appearance of Benjamin
Mitchell in the Ministry, and in the appoint-
ment of Samuel Macy to the Station of an Elder.

We have appointed Samuel Romain, James
Tucker, Peleg Mitchell & Daniel Bowerman
Our Representatives to your Meeting

Signed in and by direction of our Meeting
Yours aid

Wm
Whitney Wall Clerk

Answers to the Queries -

- 1 All our meetings for Worship and
Discipline are kept up; and those on first
days

Says generally attended by most of our members; but there appears a deficiency in attending midweek meetings and those for discipline; the hour pretty well observed some instances of sleeping generally clear of other unbecoming behaviour, some care extended where requisite

2 A considerable number are careful to maintain love and unity and to guard against Detraction; others are not enough concerned in these important Duties; when differences appear endeavours are used to end them

3 There are a considerable number who are careful to bring up those under their direction in the plainness queried after; who are themselves exemplary, and who endeavour to restrain them from the reading of pernicious books and from corrupting conversation; Yet there appears a neglect in some instances both of example and precept The Holy Scriptures are frequently Read in our Families

4 Some instances have occurred in which Spirituous Liquors are not confined to the uses intended by this Query in which some care has been extended we think pretty clear of frequenting

33.

Taverns and places of public resort unbecomingly
though there are some exceptions. Moderation
and temperance in a good degree observed
at Births. Marriages and Burials

- 5 Clear as far as appears
- 6 Not wholly clear we fear in any part of
this Query some instances of deviation are
under notice
- 7 Clear as far as appears except in one Monthly
meeting, where there is a belief that some
are not so careful as would be best in
supporting our testimony against bearing
Arms in which case is taken
- 8 Mostly careful in these respects where
instances to the contrary have appeared
care has been extended Public Gifts &
Legacies duly applied
- 9 Clear as far as appears
- 10 All are not so careful in the several
parts of this Query as is desirable where
there has been reasonable ground of fear
caution has been extended for the preservation
of Our Testimony

11 Marriages Duly recorded the other part
of this Query not wholly complied with
some care taken -

12 Care is taken to deal regularly with
offenders and endeavours are used to place
judgement when necessary according to
Discipline

The business which was brought before
this meeting being concluded we propose
meeting again at Nantucket at the
Annual time

Y^{rs}
W. Sawyer Wall Clerk

At a Quarterly meeting for Sandwich
held at Nantucket the 30th of 6 Month 1807

Accounts being presented from all the
monthly meetings the Representatives are

Sandwich. Brouning Swift. Prince Gifford Junr

Pembroke James Rogers. Samuel Brown

Nantucket Abishai Paddock Herkiah

Swain Benjamin Paddock Junr

Portsmouth Caleb Shearman Zephaniah

Buffinton. Zephaniah Eddy

Coaxet Prince Wing John Macomber,

Samuel Newitt

Nantucket Northern District

Obad. Mitchell. Jethro. Mitchell Junr James Butler

all present

Adjourned to 4th hour afternoon.

Met by adjournments

The Queries have been read with answers
to the 1. 2 & 12 from all the Monthly
meetings; from which the annexed
Summary was compiled

1 All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been attended and most of them by the greater part of ~~Friends~~ our members, although there is a slackness in some in the attendance of Midweek meetings & those for Discipline; the hour is pretty well observed, some appearance of sleep in a few mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some care taken.

2 Love and Unity is in a good degree maintained by most Friends, who endeavour to guard against Detraction & when differences have arisen care has been used to end them.

3 Care is mostly taken to deal with offenders as Quered; & judgement placed when necessary according to Discipline.

Elan's Certificate A removal Certificate from the monthly meeting of Hardshaw Great Britain on behalf of Elizabeth Cone who resides at Halifax Nova Scotia was read in this meeting, and is recommended to the notice of Nantucket monthly meeting for the Northern District.

37.

Epistles from the Yearly meeting of London, for 1805 and from Philadelphia New York and Virginia for the present Year have been read to our encouragement & instruction and copie thereof are directed to be sent to all our monthly meetings.

The following extract from ^{the minutes of} the Yearly meeting on Rhode Island was read and copies directed to be sent to all the monthly meetings.*

Extract from the minutes of Rhode Island Yearly meeting, held by adjournments from the 15 to the 17 of 5th Month, enclosing 1807

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting propose that their Quarter ~~be~~ held in future on the first, fifth day in the 8th Month at Portsmouth 11th Month at Somerset. 2nd Month at Providence and 3th Month at East Greenwich which this meeting unites with -

It is the judgement of this meeting that monthly meetings have a right in cases of reversal of their judgement against any individual member on Account of irregular dealing only; to take up the case again and proceed according to Discipline. And it is recommended to superior meetings to be careful when

when reversals are made on account of irregular dealing. Only, to express the same in their reports. This is directed to be inserted in all our books of Discipline under the head of appeals.

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurers Accounts report the sum of eight hundred dollars ~~and~~ to supply this meetings Treasury. Sandwich Quarterly meetings proportion of which is three hundred & fifty Dollars.

Signed in Behalf of said Meeting

Abiah Davis Clerk

It is proposed to raise five hundred & fifty dollars for the service of the ensuing year which the several Monthly meetings are requested to send in the usual proportions to this meeting's Treasurer.

Proportions		\$
9 p ct	Sandwich - - -	50. 40
3 "	Pembroke - - -	16. 80
14 "	Dartmouth - - -	78. 40
20 "	Nantucket - - -	112. —
9 "	Acoaset - - -	50. 40
25 "	New Bedford - -	140. —
20 ⁺⁺ "	Nantucket {	112 —
	No District }	<u>\$ 560. 00</u>

The annexed certificates on behalf of our Friends Daniel Aldridge and Israel Sabin were read approved & signed by the Clerk

To the monthly meeting of Wobridge
Dear Friends

Our beloved Friend Daniel Aldridge attended our last Quarterly meeting and produced a minute from your meeting he also attended most of the particular meetings constituting this in which his company and services have been acceptable

To the monthly meeting of Richmond
Dear Friends

Our beloved Friend Israel Sabin attended our last Quarterly meeting with a minute from your meeting. he also attended most of the particular meetings heretofore belonging his Company & services have been acceptable

We have at this time had the company of our beloved Friend W.^m Flanner of New Garden whose certificate was read; his company & service, have been very acceptable as has the company of his companion Stephen Gardner whose certificate ~~was~~ ~~was~~ ~~was~~ ~~was~~ was read in this meeting.

Our Beloved Friends Richard Mott of
Mamaroneck; and Matthew Franklin of
New York attended this meeting with
Certificates from their respective meetings.
They also attended several meetings here
belonging. Their company & Services have
been acceptable - and the Clerk is directed
to furnish each of the Friends with a
copy of these minutes as they respect
them severally

The business which was brought
before this meeting being accomplished
we propose meeting again at Sandwich
in the 10 Month Next

Wm W. Wall,

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at
Sandwich the 2nd of 10 Month 1807

Accounts from all the Monthly meetings ~~are~~^{are}
received; the representatives are -

Sandwich, Joseph Hoxie, John Wing Jun^r - - -

Pembroke, Simeon Estes. Stephen Rogers

Nantucket, Benjamin Paddock Jun^r. Heneiah
Swain - - - - -

Dartmouth, Joseph Tucker, Ira Howland, Lathan Wood

Acoasett, Isaac Peckham, Samuel Newit, Adam Allen

New Bedford, Joseph Austin Pardon Tillinghast

Ezekiel Braley - - - - -

Nantucket, North District, Jethro Mitchell Jun^r -

Solomon Macy, David Mitchell

All present except Stephen Rogers whose absence was
satisfactorily accounted for - - - - -

Pembroke monthly meeting inform that they have
directed their proportion of stock paid to our
Treasurer - - - - -

The Queries have been read with answers to
the 1. 2 & 12 from which answers the annexed
Summary was compiled*

* The summary is ^{inserted} ~~inserted~~ at the page next
to the Minutes of the

The following Communication and Essay were read to our edification, and agreeable to the Request of ^{the} Writer copies of the essay are directed to be sent to the Monthly Meetings - - -

To the several Quarterly Meetings constituting the Yearly meeting of Friends in New England
Dear Friends

Accept the salutation of Love that flows in my heart towards every rank in this part of the Lord's Family, wishing Grace, Mercy, and Truth to abound in and amongst you; that Divine Grace having prevalence in every heart the mind may become so sanctified and redeemed thereby that the inscription of holiness may come to be stamped on every vessel in the Lord's house; Oh, that such amongst us as now bear the Image of the Earthly may be sanctified by Faith in Christ and come to bear the Image of the Heavenly and being made vessels of mercy become fitted for the Work of their Day; and may all my Beloved Brethren and Sisters who are called to the work of the Ministry watch unto Prayer and keep their garments from being defiled by the spots of the World; and dwelling under the humbling power of Truth, convince unto all that in their ministerial labours they have not only the Bell but the Pomegranate also; when it is thus with them, their public Offerings will be seasonable, savory, and acceptable unto the Living

43.

And feeling my mind influenced by that Love that wisheth spiritual health ~~to see~~ and, Salvation, unto every part of the Family, I am made willing to communicate to you some thoughts on the qualification and work of an Elder in the Church of Christ; and a concern rests on my mind to spread the little Essay on that Subject amongst friends of our own Yearly meeting; and for that end send to your care a sufficient number for all the monthly meetings to receive two, one for the Men's, and one for the Women's Meeting, which please to distribute for that purpose.

Accept dear Friends this fruit of Love from your Ancient Friend and Sister in the Truth — — — Mary Mitchell

8 Mo 1807

Some Thoughts on the Qualification and work of an Elder in the Church of Christ.

The work of an Elder in the Church of Christ appears to be very weighty, and not to be moved in, but as the mind is brought under a right ~~and~~ concern and influenced by that Wisdom which gives a right understanding in those things that belong to their Office — — —

To take the oversight of the Flock and to judge of the Ministry, requires that such as are selected for those services should be well grounded in Religion and acquainted with the mystery of Godliness; it requires a deep going down to enquire after the mind of Truth in all their move-
ments.

ments; it requires a clear discernment and sound judgment; it requires deep humility of heart; it requires the Divine anointing; and without a portion thereof, the duties of their Office cannot be discharged to the honour of Truth nor to the edification of the Church. For without these qualifications they are likely to err, both in judgment and conduct; and their being set forward in religious Society exposes them rather more to some peculiar temptations, and I fear hath lifted some up to think more highly of themselves than they ought; Where this is the case they are very likely to err respecting the ground of ministry; though they may be capable to judge of words whether they agree with sound Doctrine or not; but if they go not down, and travail in spirit with those that minister, they cannot know from what spring the words flow, and for want of this knowledge they are likely to err in judgment, and instead of helping forward the true Birth, become the means of stifling or slaying it, and for want of clear discernment and sound judgment they may err by nursing a false birth; and if there is not a dwelling in deep humility there is danger of erring in conduct and instead of being ensamples to the flock, they be tempted to load it over the heritage.

When I consider the weight and importance of the work confided to the Elders this Query arises in my mind "Who is sufficient

for these things." For such weighty services
the sufficiency must be of God; or the work
cannot be rightly done. For without a Divine
perception they cannot ^{be qualified to} discern, and give the
living child to the Right Mother, And if there is not
Wisdom and Skill to use the snuffers with judgment
and discretion, they may extinguish the Light when
they ought only to remove that which obstructs
its Brightness, that it may shine with greater
clearness. If the selection for this ~~weighty~~ weighty
service is made in and by the Church* when
under the divine influence no doubt but the
right will be named, and unto the Lot rest
upon the rightly qualified; and these "Dwellings
in that which gives ability to labour in the
Church of Christ can speak a word in season,
to them that are ready to faint"

On looking over the advices of our Yearly
meeting of Ministers and Elders in the year 1735
I find the following lines which appear to me ~~xxx~~
worthy to be transcribed and with which I close
this little Essay; Viz, "And when the Elders appointed
to assist them and have the oversight of the flock
have faithfully followed the heavenly Leadings they
have been as a tower and Hur, to the ministry
in strengthening their Hands to war with the
enemies of God's Israel, and leading the people
on their way from victory to victory over their
enemies into the dominion of Truth"

8 Month 1807

Mary C. Mitchell

Summary Answer —

It appears that our meetings have been attended and generally by most friends though a deficiency is expressed in most meetings, particularly those on week days the hour mostly observed some instances of sleeping, generally clear of other unbecoming behaviour.

Many Friends are concerned to maintain Love & Unity and to guard against detraction, yet there is a deficiency in these important Duties. When differences arise care is taken to end them —

Care is taken to deal with offenders and endeavours used to ~~place~~ Judgement when necessary according to Discipline

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we propose meeting at New Bedford in the 12 Month next

Wm Sawyer Wall Clerk

47.

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New
Bedford 12 Mo. 11. 1817

Accounts from all the monthly meetings
being received the representatives are for
Sandwich, Abiel Atkins - Prince Gifford Junr
Pembroke. John Bailey, Smith Brown
Nantucket, Peleg Macy, William Macy,
Dartmouth, Richard Davis, Caleb Shearman
James Tucker
Acoaxet, Isaac Macomber Noah Gifford
Prince Wing
New Bedford, Reuben Russell, Peleg Howland
Joseph Kim
Nantucket } Peleg Easton Jethro Mitchell Junr
Northern District }
All Present

Acoaxet monthly meeting informs they have
directed their proportion of stock paid to our
treasurer.

The Queries were read with answers to the
1. 2 & 12 from which the annexed General
Answers were compiled

Answer 1. It appears all our Meetings are
generally attended by most friends. In the
attendance of midweek meetings and those for
discipline there is some deficiency the hour

pretty well observed — sleeping discoverable in a few at times — in the above deficiencies some care is taken

— 2 Many Friends appear to maintain Love and Unity and to guard against Detraction, while others are remiss in these important Duties; when differences arise endeavours are used to end them

12 Care is generally taken to deal with offenders and place judgements equally to Discipline

Nantucket Monthly meeting inform that they have approved the public appearance in the ministry of Lydia Gannor, which being weightily considered and having the concurrence of the Women's meeting is United with and Abigail Burker is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly meeting thereof

The meeting concludes that all our quarterly meetings except Nantucket commence in future at the 11 hour

The annexed minute from the meeting for Sufferings was Rec^d & Read

at a meeting for sufferings held at New Bedford
10 of 12 Month - 1867

It having appeared to this meeting that
the doctrine and remarks contained in the
Letters of our deceased Friend Job Scott recently
printed; would be desirable to Friends gener-
ally in our Yearly meeting; the Clerk is
directed to forward 100 Copies to each of
Our Quarterly Meetings; and those meetings
are requested to dispose of them in such
manner as they may think best and also
to remit to the yearly meeting's Treasurer
the amount at 5 cents each copy of such,
as they may dispose of and they are at liberty
to return such surplus as may remain on hand

Note at the conclusion of the Meeting the
Representatives from the several monthly meetings
had a conference and agreed upon the following
propositions for the distribution of the books viz

Danvers
Pembroke
Nantucket
Dartmouth
Acornet
New Bedford
Nantucket
North^m District

The business which came before this
meeting being accomplished we propose
meeting again at New Bedford in the
third month next

W^m Sawyer Wall

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held
at New Bedford The 25 of 3 Month 1808

The Representatives from the Several
monthly meetings are from

Sandwich, Matthias Gifford John Wing Jun^r

Pembroke, Stephen Rogers Zachary Estes
Nantucket, Obed Macy Matthew Barney Abishai Paddock
Dartmouth, Caleb Shearman Giles Smith

James Tucker

Acoset John Howland Isaac Peckham
Ebenezer Baker

New Bedford Weston Howland Matthew Howland
Nathan Davis

Nantucket Northern District Obed Mitchell
Stephen Fish

All Present except Obed Macy & Abishai
Paddock for whose absence reasons
were assigned

51.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk
~~was~~ were appointed being expired, William
Hargreave is appointed Clerk and James King
Assistant Clerk for the Year ensuing

The Queries were read with answers from
the several monthly meetings from which the
annexed General answers were compiled

1. Our meetings for religious Worship and
Discipline are attended by most friends
while others are neglected herein particularly
in those on week days and for discipline;
the hour pretty well observed, sleeping
appears in a few, some care is extended mostly
clear of other unbecoming behaviour

2 We believe there are a considerable
number endeavouring to maintain Love and
Unity; and to guard against Detraction;
others appear not enough concerned in these
Duties care is taken to end differences

3 Some Friends endeavour to bring up
their Children as queries agreeable to this query
and are themselves exemplary; while others fall
short both in example and precept; the Holy
Scriptures are frequently read in friends
families

4 The too frequent use of ~~Sp~~irituous
Liquors we fear not enough avoided by all;
the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns we know
not but clear. Places of Public resort too much
attended by some; generally careful on the accounts
of Births Marriages and Burials Some Care taken

5 Care appears to be taken in the
Several parts of this Query

6. It appears that all are not so careful
in the several parts of this Query as would
be best some care taken - - - - -

7 Mostly clear in these respects when
any breach has appeared care has been taken

8 All Friends are not so careful as
would be best in the inspection and settlement
of their affairs; publick Gifts and Legacies
duly applied - - -

9 Clear

10 All are not so careful in the several
parts of this query as would be desirable when
there has been reasonable ground of fear,
caution has been extended for the preservation
of Our Testimony

11 Marriages are duly recorded. Births and Deaths are esp attended to - a few instances of removing without certificates

12 Generally careful to deal with Offenders as here Quenied, and to place Judgment in the authority of Truth according to Discipline

Sandwich Nantucket Dartmouth & Nantucket Northern District inform that their proportion of Stock is paid to our Treasurer - - - - -

We are informed that our Proportion of Yearly Stock is paid to the Yearly meeting Treasurer - - - - -

2 Sandwich Monthly meeting inform that they approve the publick appearance in the Ministry of Benjamin Percival Junior which after deliberate consideration and having the concurrence of the Women's meeting is United with and Joseph Wing is requested to inform the select meeting thereof

Sandwich monthly Meeting requests
liberty to sell or remove the meeting house
in Dennis into Yarmouth. or to build
a new one where the meeting is now held

Cornelius Howland.

W^m Notch Junr--

Obed Mitchel

Obadiah Davis

David Mitchel

are appointed a

committee to advise with that Monthly
meeting. and have power to act (as in
their judgment) the case may require

Our Esteemed Friend Richard Jordan
attended this meeting he having a minute
~~expressing unity~~ from Hartford Monthly
meeting which was read. His company
and Labours have been very acceptable
and the Clerk is directed to give him a
copy of this minute ---

The following accounts to the Yearly
meeting was Read & approved ---

To the Yearly meeting next to be
held on Rhode Island ---

Dear Friends

We have received extracts

55.

from your minutes of last year, with the
Epistles from the yearly meeting of London for
1806. and from Philadelphia New York
and Virginia for last year all of which
have been read to our satisfaction.

The Queries have been read in this meeting
with answers thereto from all the monthly meetings
from which the annexed general answer was
compiled.

We have united with Manchester Monthly
meeting in approving the Public appearance
of Lydia Gardner; and with Sandwich monthly
meeting in the Public appearance of
Benjamin Percival Junior, in the Ministry.

Our Proportion of Stock is paid to
Your Treasurer.

We Appoint our Friends

Laban Mitchell James Tucker
Rupell Davis John Wing Jun
Smith Browne & Peleg Mitchell

Our Representatives

Signed in and on behalf of Sandwich monthly
meeting held at New Bedford the 25 of 3^d Month
1808. By W^m Sawyer Wale Clerk.

The business brought before this meeting
being concluded we propose meeting again
at Nantucket at the usual time

William Sawyer Wall Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held
at Nantucket the 28 day of 6. Month
1808.

Accounts from all the monthly meetings
were received, the representatives are
for Sandwich Charles Taber, Seth Kelley
Pembroke Benjamin, Estes Samuel Brown
Nantucket David Ray Matthew Barney
Matthew Myrick.

Dartmouth Abraham Russell, Richard
Davis, Caleb Shearman,

Acoaset Samuel Newitt, Joseph Tripp
Isaac Peckham,

New Bedford Perry Russell, William
Tallman - Humphrey Hathaway

Nantucket Northern District
Jethro Mitchell Joel & Solomon Macy

all present except Humphrey
Hathaway

The Committee appointed in third Month
 Last to confer with Sandwich Monthly meeting
 respecting building a meeting house at Yar-
 mouth made the following report viz
 " According to appointment we have consulted
 " ~~and have consulted~~ with a committee of Sandwich
 " monthly meeting respecting building a meeting
 " house at Yarmouth; And find that a
 " Friend, ^{of said Yarmouth} has given half an Acre of Land in
 " a suitable place for the accomodation thereof
 " And taking into consideration the situation of
 " Friends and others in that Neighbourhood do
 " recommend a house to be built one story high
 " twelve feet Ports. forty feet long and thirty feet
 " wide; and we estimate the cost at about
 " eight hundred dollars. One half of which
 " sum is offered by the friends at Yarmouth
 " and it is probable to us that two hundred,
 " dollars more will be paid by other friends
 " belonging to Sandwich monthly meeting
 " and it may be necessary for the Quarterly
 " meeting to provide two hundred dollars in
 " such manner as they may think best
 on behalf of the Committee

William Rotch Junr

Obed Mitchell

Nantucket Feb 27. 1808 David Mitchell

Which report was accepted and the Treasurer
 of this meeting is directed what sum may
 may be sufficient in the subscriptions for
 building S.^d Meeting house

This Meeting adjourns to the fourth hour
afternoon.

Met by adjournment - the representa-
tives all present except Humphry Hathaway
whose absence we are informed is occasioned
by bodily indisposition

The Queries were read with answers from
all the monthly meeting meetings to the
1st 2nd 8th 12th from which the annexed
Summary was compiled

1st Our meetings for worship and
discipline are generally attended by most
Friends while others are negligent in
this respect especially in the attendance
of Midweek meetings and those for
discipline; some care taken in the
above deficiencies

2nd Love and unity is in a good degree
maintained, and detraction guarded
against; when differences arise endeavours
are used to end them -

3rd Care is generally taken to deal with
offenders and to place judgment according
to Discipline

We concur with the Women in uniting with the Monthly meeting of Nantucket Northern district in the appointment of Elizabeth Mitchell to the Station of an Elder -

The Annexed Extract from the Minutes of the yearly meeting was received & read.

" This meeting having concluded to
 " raise eight hundred dollars for the ensuing
 " year's stock; Sandwich Quarterly meetings
 " proportion thereof, is Three hundred and
 " fifty dollars which is to be forwarded
 " to Caleb Greene of Providence Treasurer
 " of this Meeting -

" Extract from the minutes of the
 " yearly meeting held at Rhode Island
 " from the 12th to the 15 of 5th Month 1808 by
 " adjournments inclusively

Samuel Rodman Clerk
 this Year

It is proposed to raise \$560 for the service of the ensuing year, which the several monthly meetings are requested to send in the accustomed proportions to our Treasurer

%			%	
9	* - Sandwich	\$ 50.40	9	Acowash \$ 50.40 who
3	-- Penobscot	16.80	25	New Bedford 140. --
14	-- Dartmouth	78.40	20	Nantucket } 112 --
20	Nantucket	112. --	No District	
		<u>257.60</u>		<u>302.40</u>
				<u>257.60</u>
				<u>Total 560.00</u>

who is directed to pay our proportion of stock to the yearly meeting; Treasurer

The London general and corresponding Epistles for 1807. an Epistle from Baltimore of the same year and from Philadelphia and New York of the Present Year have been read to our instruction and encouragement and copies of them are directed to be sent to the several monthly meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended.

The business which came before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again in the 10 Month at Sandwich

William Sawyer Wale Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 7th day of 10. Month. 1808

Accounts from all the monthly meetings were received; the representatives are from Sandwich. Prince Gifford Jun^r, Joseph Horne, Pembroke. Josiah Keen, Mordecai Ellis.

Nantucket. Benjamin Paddock Jun^r, Matthew Barney, Obed Macy. ---

Dartmouth Gideon Howland. William Gifford James Tucker.

Coaxet Ebenezer Baker, Isaac Peckham, Samuel Swift.

New Bedford. Samuel Rodman, Pelee Howland, Ezekiel Braley, Nicholas Davis.

Nantucket } James Barker. J. Thro. Hill Jun^r
North District }

All present

The Quories were read with answers from all the monthly meetings to the 1st 2nd & 12 from which the annexed summary was compiled

1 It appears that our meetings for Worship and Discipline have all been attended by the greater part of our members; yet that there are in some instances, slackness in the attendance of. bi-week meetings and those for Discipline, the hour generally observed.

and that friends are clear of unbecoming
behaviour therein, except ~~to~~ appearances at times
of sleepings; in the deficiencies care is expressed
to be taken - - - - -

2nd Love and Unity appear to be generally
maintained and Detraction guarded against
yet not so fully by all as would be desirable.
when differences have arisen, care has been
extended to end them - - - - -

12th Care appears to be taken to deal
regularly with offenders and to place
Judgment when it appears necessary
according to Discipline - - - - -

New Bedford Monthly meeting reports having
directed their proportion of Stock paid to
our Treasurer - - - - -

A case of Failure in Business having
occurred in Sandwich monthly meeting;
and they ^{pro}posing that they are much
unacquainted with such cases: request the
assistance of this meeting, which claiming
our notice we appoint, James Barker,
Pelez Howland, W^m. Macy, Sam^l Rodman
Jed Macy, James Tucker & Prince Wong
a committee to attend said meeting and render
them such advice and assistance as in

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their judgment the case may require

Pemproke monthly meeting having represented that it some times happens that that the Quarterly meeting and their monthly meeting occur so nearly as to render it impracticable for the members of the select meeting to attend both: and not convenient for others and ask liberty in that case in future ^{the time of holding} to anticipate these monthly meetings one week which having the concurrence of the women is complied with -

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose meeting again in the 12 Month at New Bedford.

William Sawyer Wall Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held
at New Bedford the 9th of Decr. 1808

Accounts from all the monthly meetings
were received. The Representatives are, from

Sandwich,

Samuel Wing - Seth Riley

Pembroke,

John Bailey - Joseph Rogers

Nantucket.

David Ray. Hezekiah Swain

Dartmouth,

Jonathan Wilbur Lathan Wood Rich. Davis

Acoasett,

Ebenezer Baker, Philip Dunham, Joseph Tripp

New Bedford

Matthew Howland. Ezekiel Bracey, Weston Howland.

Nantucket North District

Barnabas Swain. Samuel Mitchell

The representatives from both the monthly
meetings of Nantucket are Absent

Joseph Tripp is also absent. & bodily
indisposition stated as the cause

Sandwich monthly meeting inform that they have forwarded their proportion of stock to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read as were answers from all the monthly meetings from which the annexed Summary was compiled

1st

All our meetings are attended, those on first days generally by the greater part of our Members; but there is an evident deficiency in attending midweek meetings. The hour appears to be generally observed, some instances of sleeping, mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some care has been extended in the above deficiencies

2nd

It appears that Love and Unity are maintained though not in the degree that is desirable, and that detraction is not so fully guarded against as would be best when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them

12

Care is taken to deal regularly with offenders and to place judgements where necessary according to Discipline

The committee appointed last Quarterly Meeting to visit Sandwich Monthly meeting State that they have attended to the object of their appointment but are not yet qualified to report its fulfilment

The Account from Sandwich Monthly contains the following Article Viz

" Agreeably to the advice of your committee we have built a meeting house at Yarmouth. and the expence was eight hundred & sixty four dollars, seventeen cents one half of that sum was paid by the members of that meeting, and one hundred and sixty dollars are raised by other Friends of this meeting. two hundred and seventy one dollars & eight cents we call on your Treasurer for as Directed

The General epistle from the Yearly meeting of London for the present year was read to our instruction & Encouragement

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose in the third month next to meet again in this place

William Sawyer Wall
Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at
New Bedford the 24th of 3 Month 1809 67.

Accounts were received from all
the monthly meetings the Representatives
are from Sandwich

Abiel Steins Joseph Wing Junr

Pembroke

James Rogers, William Foord

Nantucket

Poley Mitchell. David Ray. Matthew Barney

Dartmouth

Caleb Shearman, Richard Davis, Poley White

Acoaset

Ebenezer Baker, Samuel Hewitt, Joseph Tripp

New Bedford

Cornelius Howland Ezekiel Braly, Ezra Smith

Nantucket North District

James Parker. Joseph Austin

All present except Poley Mitchell for whose
absence a satisfactory reason was given

The time for which the Clerk & Assistant
Clerk were appointed being expired. William
Sawyer Wall is appointed Clerk & Joseph
Davis Assistant Clerk for the Year ensuing
from

The Representatives of Nantucket have
given satisfactory reasons for not attending
at last Quarterly meeting

The monthly meetings of Nantucket, Dartmouth, Acoset & Nantucket for the Northern District inform that they have directed their proportion of Stock paid to our Treasurer

② The Queries have been read and Answers thereto from all the monthly meetings from which the following General Answers were compiled —
* 1st

All our meetings have been attended by most of our members on first days; midweek meetings and those for discipline not so generally attended: some instances of giving way to sleep, mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour; some care has been extended in these Deficiencies

2nd

Love and unity are maintained; Detraction we fear is not sufficiently guarded against by some; when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them

3

A care is manifested by many Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, yet a want of attention thereto is evident in others, The reading of pernicious books and ~~the~~ corrupt conversation mostly guarded against many Friends we believe are endeavouring to be good examples The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our Families

69

4

The unnecessary use of Spirituous liquors not sufficiently guarded against by some, in which cases care appears to have been taken mostly careful in the frequenting of Taverns and place of Public resort. Moderation observed on account of Births. Marriages & Burials —

5

The several parts of this Query appear to be attended to —

6

It appears all are not so careful in attending to this Query as would be best. Some care taken in cases of deviation

7

Clear except in one instance of attending a military Training which is under notice

8

Generally careful to inspect affairs and settle accounts. though there are exceptions Gifts & Legacies duly applied

9

Clear —

10

Generally clear in the several parts of this Query though there some exceptions in which care has generally been extended

11

Marriages are duly recorded Births and Deaths. not so carefully attended to. Some cases of removal without Certificates which are under notice

Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as merited, and Judgement placed where it appears necessary according to Discipline.

The annexed account to the yearly meeting was read approved & signed by the Clerk,

& the Yearly meeting next to be held on Rhode Island

Dear Friends

We have received Extracts from the minutes of your meeting of last year together with the Epistle from the yearly meeting of London for ~~the~~ year 1897. Transcripts of Epistles from London and Baltimore for the same year, and Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and New York for 1898. We have also received the Epistle from the yearly meeting of London for that year, all of which have been read to our instruction & encouragement.

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We have united with the monthly meeting of Nantuxet north District in the appointment of Elizabeth Mitchell to the Station of an Elder.

Our Treasurer ~~has~~ been directed to pay to your Treasurer, our Proportion of Stock.

We have appointed our Friends —

71.
Samuel Rodman &c see the ne. minute

Our Representatives

We are your Friends & Brethren

Signed in and on behalf of Sandwich
Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford
the 24 of 3rd Month 1809 W. Sawyer & Wale Clerk

We appoint our Friends Samuel Rodman
James Tucker, Joseph Tucker, Philip Durham
and William Mass our Representatives to
the Yearly meeting

Our beloved Friend Mary Barker in a
weighty manner laid before this meeting a
concern. she for some time has had on her
mind to visit some of the meetings in New York
State; and a prospect of attending the approaching
yearly meeting at Philadelphia. She also
presented a certificate of professed unity in her
concern, from Nantuck's Monthly meeting:
which being solidly considered is united with
and she left at liberty to proceed as truth may
lead and the Clerk is directed to make an
Endorsement on her certificate agreed
to the tenor of this Minute

The business brought before this meeting being
concluded we propose to meet again at Nantuck
at the usual time

W. Sawyer & Wale Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at
Nantucket the 27th of 8th month 1809

Accounts being recieved from all the
Monthly meetings, the Representatives are Viz
Sandwich. Edward Gifford. Gideon Wing.

Pembroke. Smith Brown. James Rogers Jun^r.

Dorsetmouth. Samuel Gifford. Stephen Mosher.

Richard Davis. . . .

Nantucket Elihu Coleman. Matthew Myrick
Obed Marshall. . . .

Acosset. Samuel Newitt Adam Allen . .
Isaac Peckham

New Bedford. Samuel Redman. Weston Howland
Peter Burney

Nantucket
Nath District } Jonathan Swain. Jethro Mitchell Jun^r
Nathan Comstock. . . .

All present except Samuel Gifford whose
absence whose satisfactorily accounted for and
Edward Gifford

The representatives to the yearly meeting
report that they all attended agreeably to
appointment

Adjourned to 4th hour afternoon . .

Met by adjournment

13

The representatives who attended the preceding sitting of this meeting were present at this —

The Queries were read and answers from all the monthly meetings to the 1. 2 and 12 the substance of which is comprised in the following Summary

It appears by the answers to the Queries received from the several Monthly meetings: that our meetings for religious worship on First days are duly attended and the hour observed by the most of our members. Midweek meetings and those for Discipline are remarked to be negligently attended by some; that they are pretty free from unbecoming behaviour except some instances of sleeping in which care is expressed in some of the Answers — That Love and Unity are generally maintained & detraction guarded against, yet not so fully but that an increase of each is desirable and some care expressed to promote them. When differences appear care is taken to end them; That care is taken to deal regularly with offenders and endeavours used to place judgment when necessary according to Discipline

The following Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly meeting were read and copies thereof directed to be sent to the several monthly meetings —

The Queries with answers thereto from ~~the~~ several Quarterly meetings were read whereby many deficiencies were opened to the view of the meeting and produced a lively concern in the minds of many present which gave rise to many feeling remarks and pertinent observations. — Particularly upon the neglect of our meetings and the deficiency of Love and Unity. — as well as the baneful effects of an indulgence in the use of spirituous Liquors in some instances exposed in the answers accompanied with encouragement to a further faithful discharge of individual duty and the promotion of our testimony in its various Branches — — — — —

At this meeting several Epistles were received from other Yearly meetings: from some of which we have made the following extracts; and recommend them to our several Quarterly and monthly meetings; as containing matters worthy of the solid attention of our members.

We are renewedly sensible that in Order availingly to labour for the removal of deficiencies it is necessary to be replenished with the sensible feeling of Love to the Great Author of all our mercies: whereby a careful watch is maintained over our steps and a fervent solicitude for the best interests of Others, and when in honest simplicity little intimations of Duty are attended to there is ground to believe such private labour is often Blessed "

It is sorrowfully obvious that many continue in the neglect of attending meetings for the solemn purpose of Divine Worship: may the minds of these be awakened to a just sense of the dangerous situation in which they stand for we believe it to be impossible for any to grow in the rock of vital Religion while they continue in the habitual disregard of this incumbent Duty. In the exercise which we have at this time felt on behalf of the beloved rising generation. strong desires have possessed the minds of many Brethren. that the weighty Duties which belong to Parents and heads of Families may be discharged with increasing faithfulness that the hearts of the Fathers may indeed be turned to the children and by dwelling near the principle in themselves they may be enabled to watch over their tender and susceptible minds and to lead them along not only by precept but by the powerful influence of correct example"

"Dear Friends as the present is a season of great commotion in the World, a fervent ~~with~~ desire hath been felt and expressed in this meeting that the members of our Society may by an increased circumspection and Care avoid any interference with the political contentions of the times: believing that those who become actuated by such dispositions will be assuredly estranged from the Unity and simplicity of Truth and be led into a

confusion of Judgment and feeling which will render the blessings of Quietness and Assurance (while in that situation) impossible to be attained"

Sandwich Quarterly meetings' proportion of \$500 stock proposed to be raised this Year is two hundred and seventy dollars, which that meeting is desired to pay to Obadiah Brown treasurer of the yearly meeting

Extracted from the minutes of the yearly meeting held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 11th to the 15 of 8 Month 1809 Inclusive

Samuel Rodman
Clerk to the meeting this Year

The Committee to Audit the Accounts of this meeting's Treasurer report a balance of Thirty one dollars Seventy one cents in his hands; It is concluded to raise three hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing Year, in the following proportions which the several monthly meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer - —

Proportions —

Sandwich	9 pct	27
Pembroke	2	6
Dartmouth	14	42
Nantucket	20	60
Acosset	9	27
New Bedford	26	78
Nantucket & North District	20	60
		<u>\$ 300</u>

The Committee appointed in 10 Month last agreeable to a request of Sandwich monthly meeting made the following report which is accepted

Agreeably to appointment in the 10 mo we have attended Sandwich Monthly meeting and had several Conferences with the friends the subject of the case which claimed the attention of the Quarterly meeting and after proposing ourselves of the circumstances pertaining thereto: have endeavoured to render such assistance and advice to that Monthly meeting as we thought suitable

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Sam^l. Rodman

Nantucket Mo 27. 1809

The monthly meeting of Nantucket North District having proposed Robert Brayton as an Elder which being deliberately weighed and having the concurrence of the women is united with and he appointed to that Station and Jethro. Mitchell requested to give information thereof to the Select Quarterly meeting -

This meeting concurs with the Women's meeting uniting with the monthly meeting of Nantucket North district in approving the Publick appearance in the Ministry of Mary Elisby -

Also with New Bedford monthly meeting in the appointment of Mary Howland to the Station of an Elder -

and with the same monthly meeting in the appointment of Rhoda Howland to the Station of an Elder -

Our Friend James Mendenhall attended this meeting with a certificate from Hope well monthly meeting Virginia with an endorsement of Fairfax Quarterly meeting his Company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us.

Our Friend Job Haines attended this meeting as Companion to our Friend James Mendenhall and produced a copy of a Minute from Evesham monthly

meeting New Jersey his company and services
have been acceptable to us

Our Friend Gideon Seaman as
Companion to our Friends ~~Esther~~
Esther Griffin & Hannah Field
attended this meeting he had a copy of
a minute from the monthly meeting
of Westbury Long Island. his company and
services have been acceptable to us; and the
Clerk is directed to make endorsements on
their certificates ^{respectively} agreeably to the tenor of these
minutes.

Our Friends Esther Griffin & Hannah
Field attended this Meeting they had a Certificate
from Purchase Monthly Meeting their Company
and Gospel Labours have been instructive
and truly acceptable to us - Our Friend
Anna Merritt also attended this meeting
having a copy of a minute from Nine Part-
ners monthly meeting her Company and
Gospel Labours have been instructive
and truly acceptable to us & Clerk is directed
to sign on their several Certificates ^{endorsements} agreeable
to the substance of this minute.

The business brought before this meeting
being concluded we propose to meet again at
Sandwich in the 10th Month Next

Wm J. Sawyer Wall Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at
Sandwich the sixth of 10th month 1809

Accounts were received from all the monthly
meetings; the representatives are as follow

Sandwich, David Hilley, William Gifford,
Pembroke, John Bailey, Samuel Brown,
Nantucket, Matthew Barner, Hezekiah Swain, Peleg Macy
Dartmouth, Asa Howland, Abraham Russell, James Tucker
Accoaxet, Samuel Newitt Joseph Tripp —
New Bedford, Francis Taber, Sands Wing, Joseph Wing.
Nantucket North District, James Barker Paul Huprey
who are all present

The Queries were read, and answers to the
1st 2nd and 12th from all the monthly meetings
the substance of which is contained in the annexed
Summary

1st All our meetings are attended by most
Friends, while a slackness appears in some especially
on week days; the hour pretty well observed; not
wholly clear of sleeping; some care taken in the above
deficiencies,

2nd Love and Unity pretty well maintained
though not so fully as would be best; detraction
not enough guarded against by all; care is taken
to end differences

81.

12 Care is taken to deal regularly with offenders and to place judgment where it appears necessary according to Discipline

New Bedford monthly meeting informs this, that its proportion of Stock is directed to be paid to our Treasurer.

27th Decr 1809

Some of the Inconveniences to the Quarterly meeting by its being held at Sandwich in the present state of the meeting house there; together with the want of suitable stables, have been brought before this meeting - and Matthew Howland - Stephen Rogers, Libni Gardner. Asa Howland. Hezekiah Surin, Edward Wing and Samuel Nowell are appointed a Committee in the Case. who are to report their Judgment thereon at our next Quarterly meeting.

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again at New Bedford in the 12 Month next

W^m Sawyer Wall Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held
at New Bedford 12 Month 8. 1809

(Accounts were recieved from all the month
ly meetings, the representatives are from

Sandwich, Daniel Boorman Abel
Wain - - - - -

Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Zachau Estes.

Nantucket Jonathan Macy, Prince Gardner Jun
Jared Gardner - - - - -

Dartmouth Richard Davis Warren Gifford

Acate Philip Dunham Samuel Sead
Isaac Peckham - - - - -

New Bedford Peter Barney. William Howland,

Nantucket } Peleg Easton Charles Coffin
North District }

All Present

The Queries have been read; and answers
from all the monthly meetings to the 1. 28th
the substance of which is contained in the annexed
Summary

- 1st Our meetings for worship - fast days are generally attended by the greater part of our members; midweek meetings and those for discipline neglected by many; the hour nearly observed, Sleeping appears in a few at times in which some care is taken mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour
- 2nd Love and Unity generally maintained and Detraction generally Guarded against by most friends; while others are suspicious herein when differences arise care is taken to all them
- 3rd Care is taken to deal regularly with offenders and judgment appears to be placed according to Discipline - - - - -

The monthly meetings of Nantucket Sandwich, Acosset and Nantucket North District inform that they have directed their respective proportions of Stock to be paid to our treasurers

The Committee of this meeting appointed in 10th month Last; to take into consideration some of the inconveniences to holding the Quarterly meeting at Sandwich in the present state of the meeting house there ~~report~~ and for other purposes report - - - - -

That they have attended to their appointment and are of the judgment

that it would be advisable to erect a
new meeting house at that place and also think
it best for the Stables to remain as they are for
~~the~~ the present on behalf of the Committee
(New Bedford 8 of 12 Monthly }
1809 } Matthew Howland)

Which report is referred to next Quarterly meeting
and the Committee in the ~~mean~~ time is -
directed to consider of the dimensions of the
house proposed to be built with the expense
thereof; and to advise with the Friends of Sandwich
monthly meeting on the subject and report
thereon together with such other matters relative
thereto as they may judge necessary to our next
Quarterly meeting - - - -

The concern of this meeting having been
feelingly excited towards the monthly meet-
ing of Acoset both on account of the State of
their select meeting and also on account
of the Obstructions that have several times
occurred ~~on~~ their attempts to enlarge the
same we therefore appoint William Rotch Jr
John Bailey Russell Davis Robert Brayton
and Obadiah Davis to visit that meeting
and endeavour as Truth may open the
way to render them such assistance as
may tend to their encouragement and
report to next meeting

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The monthly meeting of Nantucket for
the North district inform that they
approve the publick appearance in
the Ministry of, Elizabeth Burnes
which after deliberate consideration and
having the concurrence of the women's
meeting is united with

Nantucket monthly meeting inform that
they have proposed Susannah Bunker to
be appointed to the station of an Elder
which being deliberately weighed and
having the concurrence of the Women's
meeting is united with and she is
appointed accordingly and Cornelius
Howland is requested to inform
the Select Meeting thereof —

The business brought before this
meeting being concluded, we propose
to meet again in this place in third
month Next — — —

Wm. Wall Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held
at New Bedford the 23rd of 3rd Month 1850

Accounts from the following monthly
meetings the Representatives have received
are: as follows

Sandwich. Joseph King Jun^r - Samuel King
Pembroke, Stephen Rogers - John Bailey

Dartmouth Joseph King - Susan Wood
James Tucker.

Coaxet. Oliver Durum - Samuel Veritt
Emory Baker.

New Bedford. Humphrey Hathaway
Francis Tuber - Daniel Thornton

All present

No accounts from either of the monthly meetings of
Sandwich.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant
Clerk were appointed being expired, William
Swyer Hall is appointed Clerk, and John Davis
Assistant Clerk for the Year ensuing.

Pembroke and Dartmouth monthly
meetings inform that their proportion of Stock
is directed to be paid to our Treasurer.

Our Treasurer reports that our proportion
of Stock is paid to Yearly Meeting's Treasurer.

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The Minutes have been read, and the answers
of the monthly meetings from which we have
received accounts the substance of which is com-
municated in the following General Observations—

First—All our meetings for worship and
Discipline have been attended; and generally
by most of our members; though there is an
apparent neglect in some; and the Order has
been mostly observed; there have been a few
instances of sleeping in which some care has been
extended; Mostly Char. of other unbecoming
behaviour.

Secondly. Love and Unity are maintained;
though not so fully at all times as is desirable.
Objection is generally guarded against—
When differences have appeared, endeavours
have been used to end them. though in one
monthly meeting not always with the desired
effect.

Third, There is a care on the minds of most
Friends to bring up those under their direction
in plainness, to restrain them from reading
pernicious books; and from corrupt conversation
and who are themselves exemplary. though there
are deficiencies in which some care appears to
have been taken. The Holy Scriptures are
frequently read in Friends families—

Fourth. Generally Careful to avoid the
unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors

except in a few cases which are under notice. Frequenting Taverns and places of public resort unnecessarily mostly voided of good degree of moderation appears at Births Marriages &c

Fifth. The Poor are attended to, and no children placed from among Friends that we know of

Sixth. Parents and heads of Families are generally careful with respect to marriage proceedings; Some of the unmarried have not attended to the Rules of our Discipline therein; and some care appears to have been extended

Seventh, As to Priests wages we have no trials nor in training nor military matters except in one monthly meeting; where a case of military training has occurred, in which care has been taken to support our Testimony We think clear in the other parts of this Query -

Eighth, Friends are generally Careful in the several parts of this Query; Yet there are exceptions in which some care has been taken

Ninth Marriages are recorded, Births and &c not so strictly attended to - A few Removals without certificates most of which are under Notice

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Tenth. The endeavour, to deal regularly with offenders and to place judgement when it appears necessary according to Discipline. —

The Committee appointed in the 10 month and continued in the 12 month Last. for the purpose of taking into consideration the size &c of the meeting House, proposed to be built at Sandwich, made the following report —

Agreeably to our appointment we have taken into consideration the size of the meeting house proposed to be built at Sandwich for the accomodation of the Quarterly; and it is our judgement said house should be forty eight feet long by thirty six feet wide — with a Porch twenty eight feet long by nine feet wide; which dimensions correspond with those of the meeting house in New Bedford, we estimate the Cost at about Two Thousand Dollars; towards which sum Friends of Sandwich monthly meeting have subscribed eight hundred and seventy seven dollars

Matthew Howland
Signed Stephen Rogers
Samuel Newell

New Bedford
3 Mo 22. 1810

Asa Howland

This is accepted and Friends of Sandwich monthly meeting are requested to join the com

mittee of the meeting in the care of the erecting
of said house. in such situation as they may
judge best and draw on this meeting's Treasurers
for the balance of the expense beyond the amount
of that meeting's Subscription. And our
Friends W^m Retch Junr. Cornelius Howland,
Mumphy Hathaway, Abraham Russell (Dartmouth)
and Samuel ^{Wing} are appointed a Committee on behalf
of this meeting for the afore mentioned purposes

The monthly meeting of Pembroke having asked
the assistance of this meeting in some matters of
importance we appoint Samuel Redman,
Cornelius Howland, James Davis & Joseph Wing
a Committee to visit that meeting and render
them such advice & assistance as the cases may
require and report to our next meeting

The Epistle from the Yearly meeting of
London for Last Year was read in this meeting to our
instruction and encouragement

We concur with the Worcester's meeting in uniting
with Pembroke monthly meeting in the appointment
of Tabitha Bailey to the Station of an Elder
and with their uniting with Acasset monthly
meeting in their appointment of Esther
Newitt to the Station of an Elder

The committee appointed in 12 Mont. last
to visit Acoset Monthly meeting made the
following report

To the Quarterly meeting -

Pursuant to our appointment several of
the Committee have visited Acoset Monthly
meeting and had an opportunity with the
most of the members of the select meeting; and
have endeavoured as way opened, to render
them assistance; and we have thought it best
to submit to the judgment of the Quarterly
meeting, the utility of annexing them to the
meeting of ministers and Elders of Dartmouth
and New Bedford monthly meetings; and upon
conferring with ~~these~~ those friends, they have
manifested a disposition to be disposed of,
as the Quarterly meeting in the wisdom of
Truth may think best

On behalf of the Committee

John Bailey
Ruth Davis

New Bedford
3rd Mo 22, 1810.

Which report having the concurrence of the
Women's meeting is accepted; and the select
monthly meeting of Acoset is united to those
of Dartmouth and New Bedford,

Our esteemed Friend Elisha Thornton
produced a Certificate from the Monthly meeting
of New Bedford expressing unity & sympathy

with him is a prospect he has of attending
the ensuing Yearly meeting in Philadelphia and
if may should be open to attend the Yearly
meeting of New York and some of the neigh-
bouring meetings which having the concurrence
of the women's meeting is united with, & the Clerk
~~directed to make an endorsement as follows~~
and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect
and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement
on his certificate conformable to the tenor of
this minute

The following Account to the Yearly meeting
was approved & signed by the Clerk

To the Yearly meeting next to be held on
Rhode Island, Dear Friends

We have received extracts from
the minutes of your last meeting which have
been transcribed and sent to our several monthly
meetings

We have united with Pembroke monthly meeting
in the appointment of Tabitha Bailey to the Station
of an Elder. With Nantucket monthly meeting in
the appointment of Susannah Bunker to the Station
of an Elder, with Acquet monthly meeting in
the appointment of Esther Stewitt to the Station
of an Elder. with ^{monthly meetings} North Bedford in the Appoint-
ment of Rhoda Howland & Mary Howland
to the Station of Elders and with the monthly

of Nantucket North District in approving
the public appearance of Mary Cislby and
Elizabeth Barker and in the appointment
of Robert Brayton to the Station of an
Elder - - -

Our Proportion of Stock is paid to your
Treasurer

The Queries have been read in this
meeting with the answers thereto the substance
of which is contained in the annexed general
Answers which we refer you to for a view of our
present state

We appoint our Friends James Tucker,
Samuel Rodman, John Bailey & Isaac
Peckham, our Representatives

Signed in & on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly
meeting held at New Bedford the 23rd of 3rd month
1810 - - Wm. Lawrya Wall Clerk

The business brought before this meeting
being concluded, we propose meeting again
at Nantucket if permitted at the usual time

Wm
Lawrya Wall Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting
held at Nantucket 26th of Oct. 1810

Accounts being received from all the
monthly meetings the Representa-
tives therein named are

From Sandwich W.^m Gifford Abel Akin

Pembroke James Rogers

Nantucket Benjamin Paddock Junr.

Matthew Barney and Elisha Coleman

Dartmouth Caleb Shearman

Hoseaiah Babcock James Tucker

Acraet Resolved Howland Joseph

Tripp Philip Dunham.

New Bedford Humphry Russell

Peleg Howland Barnabas Taber

John Shearman

Nantucket North District

Peleg Easton Nathan Comstock

Who are all present excepting John
Shearman for whose absence is
satisfactorily accounted for

The Clerk being absent Abraham
Shearman Junr is appointed Clerk for
this time

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Nantucket monthly meeting has assigned a satisfactory reason for the non-attendance of its representatives at our Last Quarterly meeting; A satisfactory reason is also rendered for the absence at that time of the Representatives of Nantucket North District Monthly meeting

The Queries have been read and answers from all the monthly meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th from which the annexed Summary is compiled

1st It appears that our meetings are generally attended by the greater part of our members although a ~~deficiency~~ deficiency herein is apparent with some especially midweek meetings the hour is mostly observed: a few instances of sleeping: other unbecoming behaviour pretty clear: Some care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained by a considerable number who endeavour to guard against detraction others are not so careful herein when differences appear care is taken to end them —

10th Care is generally taken to deal with offenders ^{as queried} and to place judgment when necessary according to Discipline

Adjourned to the 4th hour Afternoon

Met by adjournment —

The Representatives to the Yearly meeting report their attendance

Our esteemed Friends Thomas Titus and Willet Hicks attended this meeting the former with a certificate from Cornwall monthly meeting State of New York indorsed by ~~some~~ Partner's Quarterly meeting and the latter with a certificate from New York Monthly meeting. Also our esteemed friend Sarah Hull with a certificate from Stamford Monthly meeting: their company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

Our Friends James Hazard, as companion to our Friend Thomas Titus and Maurice Carmon as Companion to our Friend Sarah Hull, produced copies of minutes from their respective monthly meetings [Cornwall & Stamford] their company and services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to endorse the substance of these minutes on their respective certificates.

The following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly meeting were read and having claimed our Solid

consideration, the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to ^{the} several Monthly meetings

Extracts from the minutes of the yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 10th to the 13th of the 8th month 1810 Inclusive - - -

The Queries with answers thereto from the several Quarterly meetings were read which awakened a concern in the minds of many friends that led to several feeling judicious remarks upon the deficiencies manifested in those answers, particularly in the neglect of our Religious meetings giving way to sleepiness in some instances a defect in Love and Unity and the improper use of spirituous Liquors; which we desire may be duly impressed on our minds and transmitted by the representatives to the several Quarterly meetings with a caution that we carefully support our Christian testimony against War and not indulge a vain Curiosity in attending trainings or any military exhibitions even as Spectators -

It is proposed to raise the sum of 900 Dollars for the present Year of which the proportion for Sandwich Quarterly meeting is 424 dollars -

Sam^l. Rodman Clerk
to the Meeting this Year

The auditors report that they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts and find a balance due him of \$113.36-

It is concluded, to raise \$1000 for the Service of the ensuing Year which the several monthly meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer in the established Proportions Viz -

Sandwich	9 ⁶ cts	162
Pembroke	2 "	36
Dartmouth	14 "	252
Nantucket	20 "	360
Acapech	9 "	162
New Bedford	26 "	468
Nantucket N.D.	20 -	360
		<u>\$1800</u>

The Friends appointed to visit Pembroke monthly meeting, report that most of their number attended according to appointment and that the business which led to their appointment resulted to the satisfaction of that meeting and of the Committee, which is acceptable to us

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again at Sandwich

at the usual time in the 10 month 99

Wm Shearman Jun.
Clerk for this time
— " —

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held
at Sandwich the 5 of 10 Month 1810

Accounts being received from all our
monthly meetings: the Representatives are,
for Sandwich, Joseph Hoaxie, David Hilley,
Pembroke, Proctor Sampson, Smith Brown,
Nantucket, David Ray, Obed Macy,
Matthias Bowney.

Dartmouth, Warren Gifford, Abraham Russell,
James Tucker.

Acoset Adam Allen, Samuel Vewill,
Samuel Shad.

New Bedford Joseph Wing, Perry Russell,
Weston Howland.

Nantucket North District, Stephen Fish,
Lenas Gardner.

Who are all present except Weston Howland
for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The Queries have been read; as were the
answers received from all our monthly meetings
to the first second and tenth

We are informed that the Monthly meetings of Sandwich and New Bedford have directed their proportion of Stock ^{to be} paid to our Treasurer - - - -

The Committee appointed to have the charge of erecting a Meeting house at Sandwich report that the house is completed and that the amount of the expenses thereof is \$2080.98. Sandwich monthly meeting having subscribed \$877 there remains a balance of \$1203.98 to be paid by this meeting: which balance our Treasurer is authorized and directed to pay to the Order of the Committee for superintending the erection of the said meeting house.

Our esteemed Friend John Bailey expressed in this meeting a concern which has for some time been on his mind to pay a Religious visit to Friends at Hartford and to some other places within the Limits of New York Yearly meeting: he produced a copy of a minute from Pembroke monthly meeting expressive of their Unity with
his

his Concern: which being solidly and
deliberately considered is united with
and he left at Liberty to pursue his
prosperity as Truth may lead, and the
Clerk is directed to make an endorsement
on the monthly meeting's minute
agreeable to the tenor of this

The business which was brought
before this meeting being concluded, we
propose to meet again at New Bedford
in the 12 Month

William Sawyer Waley
Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford
the 14 day of 12 Month 1810

Accounts being received from all the monthly
meetings the representatives are from

Sandwich, Daniel Bowerman, Seth Kelley

Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Benjamin Estes

Nantucket Benjamin Paddock, Simon Brewer
and Hezekiah Swain

Dartmouth Collins Smith Stephen Gifford

Warren Gifford & Peleg White

Acousset Ebenezer Baker Joseph Tripp

and Shadrach Brownell

New Bedford Weston Howland Francis Talcott Nathan Davis

Nantucket } Barnabas Swain Joseph Austin
Nathaniel

Who are all present except Simeon Brewer and Peleg White for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned

The Queries were read in this meeting; and answers to the first second & twelfth: from all the monthly meetings.

The monthly meetings of Pembroke, Nantucket, Uxbridge and Nantucket North District inform that they have directed their proportions of Stock paid to our Treasurer

Our Esteemed Friend Edward Brooke attended this meeting and produced a certificate of Unity from the monthly meeting of London Grove Chester County Pennsylvania and enclosed by the Western Quarterly meeting of that state his company and services have been truly acceptable to us —

Our esteemed Friend John Pennock companion to the above named friend also attended this meeting he produced a Copy of a minute from the monthly meeting of London Grove his company has been acceptable and the

clock is directed to furnish to each of them a copy of this minute as it respects them
severally

A Testimony of the monthly meeting of Nantucket North District concerning our Late worthy Friend Mary Mitchell deceased was received, read and approved in this meeting

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again at New Bedford if permitted in 3^d Month next

Wm Sawyer Secy Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford the 29 of 3^d Month 1811

Accounts from all the monthly meetings are received; the Representatives are from Sandwich. Samuel Wing: Seth Hilley
Pembroke, Proctor Samson, John Bailey,
Nantucket, Peleg Macy, Hezekiah Barnard
Daniel Mitchell.

Dartmouth, Joseph Wing, George Smith 2^d,
Richard Davis -

Acowset, Samuel Slade. Daniel
Wilbur, Isaac Peckham

New Bedford, William Tallman, Ezra
Smith, Humphrey Hathaway.

Nantucket North District, James -
Barker. Jonathan Swain.

Who are all present - - -

The time for which the Clerk and assistant
Clerk were appointed being expired; William
Sawyer Hall is appointed Clerk; and Joseph
Davis assistant Clerk for the Year ensuing -

The Queries have been read; as have
answers thereto from the several monthly meetings,
the substance of which is contained in the
following Summary answers

1st All our meetings ^{religious} for Worship and discipline
are attended by the greater part of our members;
whilst others are deficient herein - the hour gen-
erally observed; drowsiness discoverable in some
at times; mostly clear of other unbecoming be-
haviour; some care taken - - -

2nd Love and Unity are generally maintained
Detraction not so much guarded against by all
as would be best; when differences arise, endeavours
are used to end them.

3rd A considerable number appear to be concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness; and to restrain them from reading pernicious books; and from corrupt conversation: whilst others are too remiss herein. both in example and precept: we believe the Holy Scriptures are generally read in friend's Families ---

4th The unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors: and frequenting Taverns and places of public resort are not enough guarded against by all - some care is taken - a good degree of moderation is observed in the other parts of this Query.

5th We know of no complaint in either part of this Query.

6th It appears that all friends are not so careful in the several parts of this query as would be best some care taken.

7th We know not but clear except in one instance of bearing Arms. in which Care has been taken.

8th Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this Query though not without some exceptions - Some care taken.

9th Marriages duly recorded. ^{Births} Deaths and burials too much neglected: several instances of removals without certificates. Some care taken.

10th, Care is generally taken to deal regularly with offenders and to place Judgment according to Discipline

It is proposed to apply to the Yearly meeting to have the time of holding our Quarterly meetings in future altered to the first fifth day of the seventh - tenth. twelfth & fourth months -

This meeting has directed its proportion of Stock paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

James Truster, James Barker, Josiah Hume and Russell Davis are appointed Representatives to the Yearly Meeting

Our esteemed Friend Benjamin Worth from Vassalborough attended this meeting with a certificate from that monthly meeting endorsed by Falmouth Quarterly meeting; his Company and Service have been acceptable to us as has the company of his Companion Barnabas Taber and the clerk is directed to furnish each of them with a copy of this minute as it respects him [Done]

The following Account to the Yearly meeting was read approved and signed by the Clerk.

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From our Quarterly meeting of Friends held at
at New Bedford the 29 day of 3^d Month 1811

To the Yearly meeting of Friends next
to be held on Rhode Island

Dear Friends

We have received extracts from the
minutes of your meeting Last Year: Copies whereof,
have been sent to our several monthly meetings

Our proportion of Stock is directed to be paid
to your Treasurer -

A Testimony from the monthly meeting
of North District, concerning our Late worthy friend
Mary Mitchell Deceased has been approved by
this meeting and is forwarded herewith -

We propose in future to hold our Quarterly
meetings on the first fifth day of the Seventh
tenth twelfth and fourth months, if it meet
the approbation of the Yearly meeting

The Queries have been read in this meeting
as have answers thereto from the respective monthly
meetings the Substance of which is expressed in
the annexed Summary of Answers - *

We have appointed our Friends James
Tucker. James Barker. Josiah Keene. Joseph
Lipp & Russell Davis. Our representatives, to

* See preceding Summary in course

to your meeting

Signed on behalf the meeting. —

Wm Sawyer Wall Clerk

The business brought before this meeting
being concluded we propose meeting again
at Nantucket at the appointed time

Wm Sawyer Wall

Sandwich Quarterly held at Nantucket
the 2nd of 7th Month. 1811

Accounts are received from all our
monthly meetings the Representatives are from.

Sandwich

Joseph Wing, Daniel Bowerman,

Pembroke

Joshua Wilder, Samuel Browne

Nantucket

Cumwell Barnard, Gilbert Coffin. Matthew Barney

Dartmouth

Caleb Shearman. Asa Howland. James Tucker

Acoajack

Isaac Macomber. John Gifford. Benjamin Davol

New Bedford

Weston Howland Reuben Russell

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Nantucket North District
Stephen Fish, Giles C. Stanton; who are all present.

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting were read and are directed to be forwarded to our respective monthly meetings. We are by them informed that the Yearly meeting has in conformity with our request concluded; that in future, our Quarterly meetings be held on first fifth days of the tenth month at Sandwich - in the 12th and 4th months at New Bedford and in the 7th Month at Nantucket. They also inform that our proportion of the Yearly Meeting's Stock is 42½ dollars we have also a report from our Auditors of accounts by which it appears that 46 dollars 8½ cents is due to our Treasurer.

The Representatives have proposed to raise 700 Dollars ~~for the coming year which is~~ in the following proportions Viz ~~Sandwich~~

Sandwich	\$ 63
Pembroke	14
Dartmouth	77
Nantucket	140
Acwasset	63
New Bedford	189
Nantucket N ^o District	154
	\$ 700

And the several monthly meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer their respective proportions ---

8 Sandwich monthly meeting proposes that Abel Allen be appointed to the station of an Elder; which having had our consideration and the ~~unanimous~~ concurrence of the Women's meeting is united with

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon
Afternoon met by adjournment

We have had at this time the company of our beloved Friends Thomas Scattergood of Philadelphia; and Susannah Horne of Tottenham near London, whose certificates were read; and their company and Gospel labours in this and preceding meetings have been to our edification. They were accompanied by our Friends Mary Allinson of Burlington and Caleb Thrieve & William Wharton of Philadelphia whose certificates also were read and their company has been acceptable to us: and the clerk is directed to furnish to each of them a copy of this minute as it respects them severally.

Our Friend John Bailey laid before this meeting a Certificate from Pembroke

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monthly meeting expressing their unity with
his concern to make a religious visit to the western
and Southern States and he having now
informed us that his prospect extends to the
yearly meeting of Baltimore and perhaps to some
meetings within each of the other yearly meetings
which having claimed our solid deliberation
~~and our united action and the same~~ has obtained
our concurrence and the same is directed to be
endorsed on his certificate

The Queries have been read with answers
to the usual Three from all the monthly meetings

8 We concur with the Women's meeting in Uniting
with Pembroke monthly meeting in approving
the publick appearances in the Ministry
of Avis Keene; and with Sandwich
Monthly meeting in the appointment of
Deborah Hojie to the station of an Elder

Nantucket monthly meeting having
proposed that that meeting should in
future be held on the last fifth day of
the week in each month: which has the
approbation of this meeting and they are
directed to be so held in future. It is ~~also~~
also concluded that Nantucket monthly
meeting for the Northern District be in
future held on the fourth preceding the last
fifth day in each month -

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended. except James Barker whose reasons for his absence were accepted by this Meeting

Our Friends Mary Barker and Lydia Gardner in a weighty manner laid before this meeting their respective concerns to attend the yearly meeting of Baltimore and make a religious visit to friends and others in ~~some~~ some parts of the middle and Southern States. they had certificates of unity from Nantucket monthly meeting after solid deliberation they have our concurrence therein and the same is directed to be endorsed upon their respective Certificates

We appoint Ashael Bunker Obed Mitchell Robert Brayster William Rutch Peter Barney & Joseph Wing to see that the necessary assistance be given to aid the friends now set at liberty in the pursuit of their Religious Prospects

The following is the extract from the minutes of the Yearly meeting referred to in the preceding part of this Account of Proceedings.

~~Sandwich Quarterly propose that their Quarterly meeting in future be held on the first Fifth day in the seventh month or~~

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Sandwich Quarterly meeting propose that in future their meetings be held on the first fifth day of the seventh month at Nantucket in the 1st Month at Sandwich and in the 12th & 4th months at New Bedford with which we unite and the alteration to take place in the 10th month

The subject relative to the situation of our School fund coming before us it is concluded to refer to the minutes of 1803 upon that subject and monthly and Quarterly meetings are requested to promote subscriptions as there recommended

The subject of inspecting testimonies and memorials of deceased Friends claiming our solid attention it is concluded that they have the inspection of the meeting for Sufferings after having had the approbation of the Quarterly meeting previously to their being presented to this meeting

This meeting has ~~proposed to raise~~ concluded to raise nine hundred dollars the ensuing year the proportion of which for Sandwich Quarterly meeting is four hundred and twenty four dollars which they are desired to send to our Treasurer -

Extracted from

Extracted from the minutes of our Yearly meeting
held in Rhode Island by adjournment from the
15th to the 19th of 6 month. 1811

by Obadiah Davis Clerk

The Committee appointed last year to promote
subscriptions for the purpose of encouraging a
boarding School having made report; they are
released from further attention thereto and as
the said Committee have not been able to
obtain a sufficient fund to commence a
School at present. The subscriptions are
relinquished and this meeting feeling a re-
newed concern that the object of establishing
a school for the promotion of a guarded edu-
cation may still be kept in view and
be put in execution as soon as it can safely
be effected, do recommend to the several
Quarterly and monthly meetings to encourage
Friends to a liberal Subscription

Extracted from the minutes of the
Yearly meeting held in Rhode Island in
the 6 Month 1813-

by Obadiah Davis Clerk

The following advice from the Yearly meeting
was likewise received and read and directed to
be sent to the Monthly meetings,

Upon looking into the state of our Society as exhibited by the answers to the Queries from the respective Quarterly meetings, our minds have been affected with the deficiencies apparent therein and deep concern has been felt upon the sorrowful occasion, which has manifested itself in lively expressions upon their inconsistency with our holy profession. Without descending into ~~particulars~~ every particular at this time we hope that the minds of Friends in the meetings subordinate to this may be impressed with the necessity of vigilance, and that as far as practicable each concerned friend may become and consider himself an Overseer and act with the qualification that wisdom will confer over himself and such of his Brethren as he may discover an abatement of Zeal or want of concern in, in the attendance of our meetings for Worship and Discipline: or in such as do attend giving way to a drowsy propensity therein, And as the spirit of detraction, ^{which} is very pernicious in its consequences ~~is said~~ in Religious as well ^{as} Civil Society is noticed in most, if not all the answers in a way that we have cause to fear every monthly meeting is more or less affected by it; from their members not sufficiently regarding the advice of the Apostle to "Bidle their Tongues", by which salutary counsel if duly observed, their minds would be gradually sweetened, so that nothing injurious to the character of another would

proceed from ^{them}, We expect friends to be guarded
against a practice so destructive

It is also with feelings of regret and
mortification, that we have found the
answers manifesting in many instances
that some of our members give way to the
degrading practice of the frequent use of
Spiritous Liquors. As this evil and weakness
may be classed among the enormities that are
only to be found amongst the degenerate.
We believe it to be right to refer to our sal-
utary discipline; and when after due ~~admonition~~
admonition and a reasonable forbear-
ance, with such as become so lost to a sense
of the requiring of Truth, and their own
character; and the happiness and comfort of
their families necessarily involved as to
preserve them, without hopes of being
reclaimed. We recommend to monthly
meetings to remove the reproach of their
conduct, by disavowment. The Clerk
is directed to forward copies of this minute
to the Respective Quarterly meetings.

Extracted from the minutes of
Rhode Island Yearly Meeting of Friends for
New England held by adjournment from the
15 to the 19 of February inclusive 1811
by Obadiah Davis Clerk

The business being accomplished we propose
to meet again in the 10 month at Sandwich

Signed in and on behalf of the Meet^g

Joseph Davis

Assistant Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at
Sandwich the 3rd day of tenth month 1811

Accounts were received from the several
monthly meetings the representatives from
which are as follow Viz - - -

Sandwich Samuel Wing Abel Atkins

Pembroke Proctor Sampson Benjamin
Percival - - -

Nantucket Abishai Paddock Simon
Brewer Peter Paddock

Wartmouth Isaac Laurence Samuel
Gifford

Uxbridge Resolved Howland Isaac
Peckham Samuel Newitt

New Bedford Peleg Howland Benjamin
Fuller Humphry Hathaway

Nantucket } Barnabas Lewis Paul
North District } Gardner -

Who

Who are all present ~~except~~ except Samuel Gifford and Benjamin Fuller whose absence is satisfactorily accounted for

The Queries were read; as were answers to the first second and tenth from all the monthly meetings

The Committee appointed at our last meeting "to see that the necessary assistance be given to aid the Friends" then "set at Liberty in the pursuit of their Religious Prospects; Report that they have attended to the duties of their appointment; and have done what to them appeared needful; which is acceptable to this meeting; and our Treasurer is directed when the state of the Treasury will admit to reimburse to the Committee what money they have expended.

Sandwich monthly meeting has Liberty to hold the monthly meeting in the 12 month on the second day ^{next} preceding the Quarterly Meeting -

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose meeting again in the twelfth month at New Bedford.

William Sawyer Wale Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly meeting held
at New Bedford 12 m. 5. 1811.

Accounts were received from all
our monthly meetings the Represen-
tatives are: from Sandwich

Ebenezer Wing
Prince Gifford

Pembroke Daniel Otis, Joshua Wilson

Nantucket Cromwell Bernard, George Russell

Peleg Macy - - - - -

Dartmouth Giles Smith, Elijah Gifford;

Abraham Russell. - - - - -

Acoaset Samuel Slade, John Gifford

Philip Dunham, - - - - -

New Bedford William James, Weston Howland

Joseph Wing - - - - -

Nantucket } Jonathan Swain, Paul Hapner
North District }

who are all present - - - - -

The monthly meetings of Sandwich, Nantucket
Acoaset and Nantucket North District
inform that they have directed their res-
pective proportions of Stock to be paid to
our Treasurers

The Queries have been read as were answers to the first second and tenth from all our monthly meetings —

Sanitary monthly meeting proposed that in future ~~that~~ meetings be held at the following times and place — which is agreed to by this meeting Viz —

All to be held on the first sixth day of each respective month except that in the 4th 7th 10th and 12th months — that for the 4th and 12th months to be held on the second day preceding the Quarterly meetings which are held in those months. That for the 7th month to be held on the sixth day preceding the Quarterly meeting — ~~and the~~ which is held in that month at Rantucket, and that in the tenth month to be held on the day after the Quarterly meeting — — —

The several meetings in the respective months to be held at the following places Viz

The.	2 nd	4 th	6 th	8 th	10 th	12 th	at	Sandwich
"	1 st	5 th	7 th	9 th			at	Falmouth
"	3 rd	and	11 th				at	Yarmouth

Our esteemed Friend Joseph Douglass
attended this meeting with a minute from
Durham monthly meeting his Company
and services have been very acceptable

Our Friend Edward Cobb, companion
to Joseph Douglass attended this meeting
he had a minute from Falmouth monthly
meeting his company has been accept-
able and the Clerk is directed to give to each
a copy of these minutes as they see fit
respect them

The business which was brought
before this meeting being accomplished
we propose to meet again at New Bedford
on 4th month Next

Wm. H. H. Clerk

4th mo. 1812. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
— 2d of 4th month, 1812.

Accounts were presented from all the Monthly Meetings.
the Representatives therein named, are, from

Sandwich. Daniel Bowditch, Barnabas Holway.

Dumfries. Proctor Sampson, Benjamin Paddock.

Nantucket. Benjamin Paddock, junr. Matthew Barney,
James M. Hosier.

Dartmouth. Giles Smith, David Gifford, James Tucker.

Acraet. — Samuel Shide, Samuel Newitt.

New Bedford. Samuel Rodman, Ezra Smith,
Thompson Hathaway.

Nantucket-North
District. } George Easton, James Parker.

Who are all present.

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Clerks.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed, being expired, Abraham Shearman, Jun^r is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis Assistant Clerk, for the year ensuing.

Pembroke monthly meeting informs that they have directed their proportion of stock paid to our Treasurer; Dartmouth monthly meeting, that their proportion of stock is paid.

The Queries have been read, with answers to them from all the monthly meetings; from which the following General Answer are compiled:

Queries answered.

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been duly attended, except two instances of non-attendance in one particular meeting, occasioned by stormy weather; the hour nearly observed; a few instances in each meeting of not being sufficiently guarded against sleepiness; of other unbecoming behaviour generally clear.

2^d. Love and unity are generally maintained. Detraction, in some instances, is not enough guarded against. — Where differences have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them.

3^d. There are a number who are endeavouring to bring up those under their care in plainness; to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world; and to be good examples themselves; whilst some others are too remiss in these important duties. — The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Spirituous liquors are not wholly confined to medicine, by all our members; the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort generally guarded against. A good degree of moderation is observed in the other parts of this query.

5th. Clear as far as appears by the accounts from the respective monthly meetings, except one instance of placing out a child, which is under notice.

6th. We apprehend all Friends are not so strictly observant of this Query as would be best. In case of obvious departure, care has been taken.

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7th. Our testimony, respecting, priests' wages and military matters is generally maintained. — One instance of voluntary service in the latter, under notice. — We think clear in the other parts of this query.

8th. We think there are some deficiencies in each part.

9th. Marriages are duly recorded; some deficiencies in recording births and deaths. Some have gone from, and others come among us, without certificates.

10th. Endeavours are used to deal regularly with offenders according to what is queried; and judgment placed, when it appears necessary.

Rep. to Y. M.

We appoint our friends Samuel Rodman, Cornelius Howland, Richard Davis, William Macey, and Warren Gifford, representatives to the Yearly Meeting.

Clock
to Y. Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was read approved, and signed by the Clerk. — viz.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, next to be held on Rhode Island.

Dear Friends,

We have received Extracts from the Minutes of your last Meeting; copies whereof have been forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

We have united with Pembroke Monthly Meeting in approving the publick appearances in the ministry of Avis Reen; and with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Abiel Atkin and Deborah Howie, to the station of Elders.

Our proportion of Stock is directed to be paid to your Treasurer.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers thereto, from all the monthly meetings, from which the annexed General Answer are compiled, and which we think descriptive of our present state.

We have appointed our Friends, Samuel Rodman, Cornelius Howland, Richard Davis, —

William

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William Macey, and Warren Gifford, Representatives to your meeting.

Signed on behalf, and by direction, of our Quarterly meeting of Friends, held at New Bedford, for Sandwich, 2^d of 4m. 1812, by

Abm. Shearman Jun^r Clerk.

A. Peasley's Visit.

Our esteemed friend Amos Peasley, attended this meeting, with a copy of a minute from Teabrook monthly meeting. His company and religious services in this, as well as in several of the Meetings hereto belonging, have been acceptable.

Our friend Benjamin Folsom, companion to Amos Peasley, also attended this meeting, with a copy of a minute from the same monthly meeting. His company has been acceptable to us. And the Clerk is directed to furnish them, respectively with a copy of these minutes.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again, in the 7th month, at Nantucket.

Abm. Shearman, Jun^r Clerk.

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Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket, 2d of 7m. 1812.

Accounts were received from all the monthly meetings. The Representatives therein named, are, from Sandwich, Stephen Gifford, Mattiah Gifford, Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Benjamin Percival, Nantucket, Gilbert Coffin, Hersekiah Swain, Pristram Folger. Dartmouth, Abraham Russell, Richard Davis, John Wing, Acoset, John Gifford, Revolved Howland, Samuel Newell New Bedford, Cardon Tillinghast, Barnabas Taber, Edw^d Wing, Nantucket n^o District, David Hussey, Amathau Swain.

Who are present, with the exception of Stephen Rogers, Richard Davis & John Wing. For the absence of Richard Davis a satisfactory reason is assigned.

It being proposed that the time of holding Acoset monthly meeting be altered to the third fifth.

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day; that of Dartmouth to the fourth fourth-day; and of New Bedford, to the fourth fifth day of each month, — it meets the approbation of this meeting.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, report that they attended.

Miriam Rand having, appealed from the judgment of Nantucket monthly Meeting, Cornelius Howland, Samuel Rodman, Joseph Wing, Maltick Giffords, and Samuel Newell are appointed, to unite with a Committee appointed by the Women's Meeting, in hearing the appellant and the Committee of Nantucket monthly Meeting having, charge of the case, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Received the following Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, viz

"The Committee appointed to adjust the Treasurers Accounts, and report a sum for Stock for the ensuing Year, reported one thousand dollars, which being approved and apportioned in the meeting, Sandwich Quarterly Meeting's proportion is \$471.

"The following alteration of the places of holding Salem Quarterly Meeting, was agreed to. — That now held at Berwick in the 8th month, to be held at Salem; and that now held at Salem in the 10th month, to be held at Ware; at the same time in said 8th and 10th months as heretofore. The alteration to take place next Year.

"Sam. L. Rodman, Clerk."

The Representatives propose that the sum of \$750. be raised by the Quarterly Meeting, the ensuing Year, which is agreed to, and the several monthly meetings are requested to forward their proportions to our Treasurer, the same as last year, viz

. Sandwich, —	67. 50	9 p. c.
. Pembroke —	15. —	2. "
. Nantucket, —	150. —	20. "
. Dartmouth, —	82. 50	11. —
. Acowet, —	67. 50	9. —
. New Bedford —	202. 50	27. "
. Nantucket N.º Dist.	155. —	22
	<u>\$750. —</u>	<u>100</u>

Adjourned to the 5th hour this afternoon.

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Afternoon, met by adjournment.

An Epistolary communication from our last Yearly Meeting was read to our edification, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to the several monthly meetings. It follows:

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Newport,
from the 14th of the 6th m: 1812, to the 17th of
the same, inclusive.

To the Quarterly & Monthly Meetings hereunto belonging

Dear Friends,

During our deliberations in this our large Annual Assembly, we have felt much concern and solicitude for the welfare of our brethren and sisters, who, though not present with us at this season, are united in a common interest in those duties in which our future prosperity and individual happiness are essentially involved; and our solicitude hath been for all our members, whether absent or present, that we may experience an increased concern to know our obedience keep pace with our knowledge; so shall we be the favoured of the Lord, and witness our establishment to be upon that foundation which will be immovable. While we lament that there are many, who, by neglecting a due attention to the Divine light, graciously manifested in man, are suffering very great loss, we have comfort in believing, that there are others in each ^{meeting}, who are measurably given up to "seek the Lord for their portion, and the God of Jacob for the lot of their inheritance." May these be encouraged to labour more fervently for an advancement in the precious cause of truth, whereby they will be enabled, both by example and precept, to encourage their brethren to a faithful discharge of their several duties. One of these, and a very important one, is that of attending religious meetings, a duty we owe to the great and benevolent Author of every favour we enjoy, both of a spiritual and temporal nature. How can we expect the continuation of his favours, if we do not feel love sufficient to be willing to bear a public testimony to his Name, by assembling with his people to render that homage and adoration which we owe to Him? We

We have been seriously affected with the consideration, that we are assembled at a season in which calamities of various kinds pervade the earth; some of which have nearly approached our borders; and that from the prevailing commotions that appear to agitate the councils of nations, others may be fearfully anticipated. We feel concerned to communicate to you some advice upon this subject from our Brethren, at their late Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia, to their Members, viz:

"Having, at the present season renewedly felt that the testimony we hold against wars and lightnings is of very great importance, not only as it relates to ourselves and our country, but also as it regards the great family of mankind; it has appeared a duty to address you on this very interesting subject. If, for a special purpose, we are separated from many others who profess the name of Christ, and if this purpose be, that we might shew forth, by an innocent non-resisting spirit, the redeeming power of the principle of Truth, we are placed in a very responsible station; and to fulfil the duties thereof, we must carefully attend to the charge of our blessed Lord, "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch." — Here, as our own spirits resignedly submit to the influences of the Divine Spirit, we learn obedience to his blessed will; and until we experience this, we cannot expect to be as lights in the world, nor will it be possible to manifest in life and practice, that we are made free from that spirit which stands in opposition to the peaceable government of Christ. — By the testimony of those who have been thus instructed and disciplined, we find that they could rejoice that they were counted worthy to suffer for his Name; they knew him to be their all in all, and therefore as they were quickened and actuated by his Spirit, all worldly objects and interests were held in a state of subserviency, or secondary point of view. Such dedicated followers abiding in the meekness and gentleness of their heavenly Leader, the tenour of their lives and doctrines bore a constant and firm testimony against the corruptions consequent upon the indulgence of the fallen will and wisdom of man. The apostle James, who was fully acquainted with the

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the root and origin of wars and fightings, thus clearly points it out— "From whence come wars and fightings? come they not hence, even of your lusts?" Among our worthy predecessors there were many witnesses to the truth of this testimony of the Apostle, who, knowing that this scourge of mankind was an evil produced by a practical conformity to fallen nature, were fervently engaged to hold up the light of the Gospel as an infallible guide, and the only means whereby we might individually experience the blessed reign of the Messiah in ourselves, and be thereby instrumental in hastening the coming of that day spoken of by the prophets Isaiah and Micah, when nation should not lift up sword against nation, nor the people learn war any more. May Friends then every where shew that they are walking by the same rule, and minding the same thing; thus strength will be experienced to keep upon the immovable foundation, the corner stone, elect and precious, which God hath laid in Zion."

In the present agitation of the publick mind, when the peace and prosperity of our country, with the calamities and horrors of war, appear to be suspended, as it were in an even balance, it highly behoves us, as a people, to be particularly on our guard against the insinuating nature of the spirit of party; and if any, upon a careful examination, discover that from this or any other cause, or however unintentionally, they have placed their weight, however small, in the balance against our peaceable profession and testimony, we tenderly and affectionately entreat them to make a solemn pause.

And, dear Young Friends, we wish it were possible to convey to your minds a sense of the fervent solicitude we feel on your account; for you our petitions are frequently offered, that you may become so deeply sensible of the excellence of a life of virtue and piety, as, individually to adopt the noble resolution— "Let others do as they may, as for me, I will serve the Lord." We are very sensible that the allurements of vice and folly, under many fascinating forms, are continually besetting your path; we tenderly sympathize with you herein, and there are who would willingly be led into suffering for you, could it effect your emancipation from every hurtful bondage. But as you are disposed to seek after

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Divine assistance, you will experience an overcoming; and we trust there are many amongst you who will yet wince that that the Testimonies given us to bear are dear to them — the time will soon arrive when their support will depend upon you; and let us entreat you to consider, that by living, conformably to the pure precepts of Christianity you will appear among men with that dignity of character, which no qualification independent of them can confer, and will enjoy that happiness which can be derived from no other source, even the happiness resulting from a life useful to your contemporaries and acceptable in the Divine sight.

In the love of the Gospel we salute you,
and are Your Friends,

Signed on behalf of the Meeting, by
Sam^l Rodman, Clk this Year.

Queries.

The Queries were read, with answers to the 1st 2^d & 10th.

D. Sands.

The company of our beloved friend David Sands has been very acceptable to this meeting; and his Gospel labours satisfactory and edifying;

We have had acceptably at this meeting, the company of our friend James Hazards; and the clerk is directed to indorse a copy of this minute on his certificate.

The business brought before this meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th month, at Sandwich.
Ab^m Shearman, Jun^r Clk

10m:

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich.
1st of 10m: 1812.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are, from Sandwich, Gideon Wing, Leno Kelley, Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Josiah Keen, Nantucket, Simeon Brewer, Gilbert Coffin, & Nath^l Barney, Dartmouth, Collins Smith, James Tucker, & Asa Howland, & Acosset, John Macomber, Joseph Tripp, Paul Cuffe, N. Bedford, Weston Howland, Russell Davis, Humphry Davis, Nantucket, N. Dist. — Daniel Mitchell, Obed Nitch. Who being called, are all present, except Leno Kelley, Weston Howland, and Russell Davis; whose absence is satisfactorily accounted for.

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The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, upon the appeal of Miriam Rand, made the following Report:

Miriam
Rand.

"To the Quarterly Meeting, of Friends to be held next at Sandwich:

"We your Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting upon an appeal of Miriam Rand from the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, Report, That we have attended to our appointment, by meeting with her and the Committee appointed by said Monthly Meeting to represent the doings thereof in her case: And after giving her a full hearing, and taking the facts alleged into consideration, having the minutes of that Meeting which resulted in her disownment before us, — We are unitedly of opinion, that the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting ought to be confirmed."

Signed on behalf of the Committee, by
Sam Rodman,

Sandwich 10m^o 1, 1812.

Phoebe Wing. "

which is accepted, and the Women's Meeting uniting, the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting is accordingly confirmed; and Obed Mitchell and Obed Fitch are appointed (on the part of this meeting) to inform Miriam Rand hereof.

The Queries were read, with answers to the usual three from all our Monthly Meetings.

D. Sands.

Our beloved Friend David Sands having visited all the Meetings hereto belonging, a Certificate to Cornwall Monthly Meeting expressive thereof, and that his company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying, was read, approved, and signed by the Assistant-Clerk.

Our Treasurer is requested to forward our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, to the Treasurer

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of that Meeting, when he has received the same from
our respective Monthly Meetings.

The business that came before us being accom-
plished, we conclude. Signed on behalf of the meeting,

By Joseph Davis, Assist.^l Clerk.

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Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
12m. 3, 1812.

Accounts were presented from the following Monthly
Meetings; and the Representatives therein named are from

Sandwich, Deo. Killey, Gideon Wing,

Pembroke, Zachens Estes, Joseph Rogue.

Dartmouth, Caleb Shearman, Amos Woods, Joseph Gifford.

Westport, [Acwaat.] Isaac Macomber, Peter Bond, Clark Milbur.

New-Bedford, W^m James Weston, Cowland John Harman.
who are all present.

No accounts were rec^d from either of the Monthly
Meetings on Nantucket.

Pembroke and New-Bedford Monthly Meetings
inform that they have directed their proportion of Stock paid
to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read, with answers to the 1st,
2^d & 10th from the several monthly Meetings from which
accounts were received.

The following Report was rec^d from the Friends
who were appointed to inform Miriam Rand of this
Meeting having confirmed the judgment of Nantucket Month-
ly Meeting, in disowning her, viz.

"Agreeably to appointment at our last Quarterly
Meeting, we informed Miriam Rand of the Quarterly Meeting
having confirmed the judgment of Nantucket monthly meeting,
in the case of her disownment; whereupon she requested
of us to inform the Quarterly Meeting that she should
appear to the judgment of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Obed. Mitchell

Mary Clisby

To Sandwich Quarterly next to
be held at New Bedford

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The London General Epistle, for the present year, was read in this meeting, to our edification.

The business brought before us being concluded we propose to meet again at the usual time in the 11th m.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Abraham Shearman, Jr. Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 1st of 11m. 1813.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named, or from

Sandwich, Abel Akin, Joseph Wing, Daniel Bowersman, Pembroke, Doctor Sampson Smith Warr.

Nantucket, Matthew Tancey, Jonathan Wray, Simon Brewster, Dartmouth, Richard Davis, Wm. Howland, James Tucker,

Westport, Joseph Trapp, Isaac Haverhill, Richard Howland, New Bedford, Humphry Mattaway, Ezra Smith, Caleb Tenney

Nantucket N. District, Silas Gardner, & Samuel Mitchell, who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed, being expired, Abraham Shearman, Jr. is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assistant, for the year ensuing.

Dartmouth and Westport monthly meetings inform, that they have directed their proportions of stock paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read with answers to them, from the several monthly meetings, from which the following general Answers are compiled.

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been duly held, and generally attended by the greater number of Friends; but some deficiencies are manifest, particularly in the attendance of mid-

week meetings; though we are encouraged to believe, that there is an increasing attention in some meetings, to the discharge of this important duty. The hour is generally observed. — Some instances of sleeping, are noticed; mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some care is taken in cases of deficiency.

2. Love and unity, are generally maintained, and detraction guarded against; but not without exceptions. Care is taken to end differences.

3. A care rests on the minds of many friends, to bring up those under their direction in "Bainness"; to restrain them from reading, pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation; yet their labours herein are not always attended with success; and there are some who are deficient both in example and precept. The Scriptures are frequently read in most of our families.

4. The improper use of spirituous liquors is generally guarded against; but with exceptions; some of which are under notice. But few instances of frequenting, taverns and places of public resort, have come to our knowledge. Moderation on account of births, marriages, and burials is generally preserved.

5. Care is taken in the several parts of this duty.

6. Friends are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage, be conformable to our discipline.

7. As respects priests' wages and military matters, clear. We know of no intentional deviation from the other part of this query.

8. Most friends are careful in these respects. Yet all are not punctual to their promises, and sufficiently careful in the payment of debts. Some care is taken.

9. Our records are attended to; with some deficiencies as it respects births and deaths. A few removals without certificates. Some of which are under notice.

10. Care is generally taken to deal with offenders, and endeavours are used to place judgment, when necessary according to discipline.

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Miriam Hand having signified her intention of appealing from the judgment of this Meeting, we appoint Samuel Rodman Matthew Parry & Libni Gardner to represent the case in the Yearly Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of our proceedings relative thereto.

Our esteemed friend Dorcas Gardner having recently expressed in this meeting a prospect which she has had of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of N. York as well as making a religious visit to some of the meetings within the limits of that Yearly Meeting, and produced a certificate of unity from that last Mtg Meeting, we concur therewith, and the clerk is directed to indorse a copy of this minute in that certificate, and to sign it on behalf of this meeting.

A proposition being made by Westport Monthly Meeting relative to rebuilding their old Meeting House, the expense of which on the plan proposed, 45 feet by 30, is calculated at twelve hundred Dollars, and our assistance is asked for in furnishing one third part of that sum — we concur therewith, and our Treasurer is authorized to pay such sum to that meeting, whenever the building is completed.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk:

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next
to be held on Rhode Island.

"Dear Friends,

"We received an Epistolary communication from your last Meeting, with extracts from the minutes thereof, copies of which are forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

To the Quarterly Meeting next to be
held at New Bedford.

Dear Friends.

Considering the very great, increased, and
increasing, expence arising to the Monthly
Meetings of our Island, from the large
number of poor, who have to be by them
supported, while the means of friends, for
defraying this expence, has much diminished,
the two meetings unite in the sentiment
of the propriety of requesting the Quarterly
Meeting to take under consideration, the
subject of releasing them from their usual
contributions to the yearly and Quarterly
Meeting Stocks.

Signed in, and on behalf of Nantucket
Monthly Meeting, for the Northern dis-
trict, the 24th of 3rd month 1813.

Joseph Austin Clerk

Signed in, and on behalf of Nan-
tucket Monthly Meeting the 25th of
3rd month 1813.

George Hatch Clerk

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"Our proportion of Stock is directed to be paid to your Treasurer."

"The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from all the Monthly Meetings, from which the annexed General Answers were compiled, and we think are descriptive of our present state."

"Our friends Weston Howland, James Coker, Abel Akin, Matthew Barney, Stephen Rodgers Libni Paroner, and Samuel Harey, are appointed our Representatives to your Meeting."

"Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford for Sandwich,
1st of 11 m^o 1813

Abm. Shearman, Jr. Clk.

The business bro't before this meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

Abm. Shearman, Jr. Clk.

Nov. 1813.
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket, 1st of June 1813.

Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named, are,

For Sandwich, Prince Gifford, Jr. Wm. Gifford, Seth Kilby
Pembroke, John Bailey, Doctor Sampson
Nantucket, Peter Harey, Prince Gifford Jr. Geo. Mitchell
Portsmouth, Abraham Russell, Wm. Howland
Westport, George Brightman, Joseph Tipt, John Macomber
New Bedford, Ezra Smith, Wm. Rotch, Mr. Hump & Hathaway
Nantucket N. Dist. Jonas Gaudet, & Joseph Austin.
Who are all present, except John Macomber.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

They an extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly

7.2.112 Yearly Meeting, we are informed that our proportion of Stock is three hundred & seventy-seven dollars.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.
Afternoon — Met by adjournment.

The Queries were read, with answers to the 1st. 2.
by 10th from all the Monthly Meetings.

We unite with the Women's Meeting in approving the appointment by Nantucket Monthly Meeting, for the Northern District, of Maria Gardner, to the station of an Elder.

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Parker having, opened in this meeting, a concern to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting, of Baltimore, and to make a religious visit to friends and others in that place; and if way sh^d. open, to attend some meetings in the vicinity, and produced a certificate of concurrence from Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern District, we unite & stand a-thro' with her therein, and leave her at liberty to pursue her prospect, as truth may open the way! And the clerk is directed to indorse a copy of this minute, and sign it on behalf of the Meeting.

The Representatives having had under consideration the sum necessary to be raised by this meeting, as also a communication from the Monthly Meetings on Nantucket relative to their contribution to the Quarterly Meetings Stock, propose that the sum of 600th dollars be raised; and that the monthly meetings with the exception of those on Nantucket be requested to forward to our ^{to} treasure their usual proportions of that sum; and that those monthly meetings be left at liberty relative to the amount which they may pay, if any — which is concurred with.

The friends who were appointed on the appeal of Miriam Ward, report that she deceased previous to the Yearly Meeting.

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Our beloved friends Abel Thomas, Henry Hull, and Benjamin Mitchell attended this meeting, in which their company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and the Clerk is directed to indorse a copy of this minute as it may relate to them respectively, on the Certificates which they produced from their several monthly meetings.

The business bro't before this meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th month, at Sandwich. — On behalf of the meeting,
Abraham Shearman, Jr. Clerk

1813. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich
10. mo. 7th, 1813.
Accounts being received from all the Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named, are:
For Sandwich. Abel Akin, Daniel Bouerman.
Pembroke. Stephen Rogers, James Keen,
Nantucket. Gilbert Coffin, Cromwell Barnard, & Simon Brewer.
Dartmouth. Abner Potter, Humphry & Anthony & James Tucker.
Westport. John Potter, George Brightman, and Samuel Merrill.
New Bedford. Joseph Wing, Sands Wing, & Selig Howland.
Nantucket & District. Obed Fitch, & George W. Coffin.
who are all present except Cromwell Barnard & Joseph Wing, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

Sandwich monthly meeting informs that they have disch'd their proportion of Stock paid to our Treasurer.

The queries have been read, with answers from all the Mo. Meetings, to the 1st, 2d, & 10th.

It being proposed by Pembroke Monthly Meeting, that all their Monthly Meetings should be held on the last 5th day in the month, — the alteration is approved by this meeting, and their ^{monthly} meetings are ordered so to be held in future.

Our esteemed friends, Ann Smith and Sarah Tucker attended this meeting, in which their company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and the Clerk is directed to indorse copies of this minute on their respective Certificates.

The London General Epistle, of the present year, was read in this meeting, to our edification and encouragement.

The business bro't before this meeting concluded, we propose to meet again, at the usual time in the 12th month, at New Bedford.
On behalf of the meeting, Abraham Shearman, Jr. Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held
at New Bedford, 12th 3. 1813.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly
Meetings the Representatives therein were as

For Sandwich, David Kelley, Silas Swift,

Pembroke, Joseph Rogers, Taccheus Estes,

Pastock, Cornwell, Burdett, John. Allen, Peter. Paddock,

Dartmouth, Giles Smith, Isaac Laurence, James Tucker,

Westport, Rufus Fish, Peter. Paddock, John. Paddock,

New Bedford, John. Paddock, W. T. Tatham, Edw. Wing,

Pastock, P. P. Paddock, Daniel. Paddock, John. Paddock,

who are all present, except Peter Paddock, whose attendance
is presumed to be indisposition.

Westport and New Bedford Monthly meetings in-
form that they have received their proportion of Stock
paid to our Treasurer.

The Treasurer has been sent with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2, & 10.

We are informed that the Meeting-House
at Westport is completed according to the plan pro-
posed by minutes of the 4th month last.

We have at this time been favoured with the
company of our esteemed friend Mary Percall, who
produced satisfactory Certificates from Philadelphia
monthly and Quarterly Meetings. Her company
and religious services have been truly acceptable to
us.

Our esteemed friend Hannah Elliot, as com-
panion to our friend Mary Percall, also acceptably
attended this meeting.

And the Clerk is directed to
forward them respectively, with the substance of these
minutes, and sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The business being before this meeting, being
concluded, we propose to meet again at the usual time
in the 11th month next.

Sign on behalf of
the meeting;

For the Moderator, J. C. C.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
7th of 4th mo 1811.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings
the Representatives therein named, are:

For Sandwich, Gideon Wing, Seth Kelley
Pembroke Stephen Rogers, Joshua Wilcox,
Nantucket, Samuel Bernard, Maria Gutter
Dartmouth, Caleb Hodge, Asa Wood, Anna Kelley, jun^r
Westport, Resolved Howland, Lemth Hoad, Joseph Wright,
New Bedford, Weston Howland, Peleg Howland, Thosth Davis,
Nantucket, N.B. Betancourt Swain, & Laban Swain?
who are all present, except Resolved Howland.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were
appointed being expired, Abraham Therman, Jun^r is appointed
Clerk, and Joseph Davis Assistant, for the year ensuing.

The Monthly Meetings of Pembroke, Nantucket,
Dartmouth and Nantucket for the Northern District, inform
that they have directed their proportion of stock paid to our
Treasurer.

The Discourses have been read, with answers from the several
Monthly Meetings, from which the following, general
answers were compiled.

1st. Our meetings for worship and discipline are attended
by most of our members; yet some are too negligent, particu-
larly in the attendance of mid week meetings. The four
is generally observed. Sleeping, appears at times in a few.
Mostly clear of other unbecoming behavior. — Some care has
been extended in cases of deficiency.

2. Love and unity, appear to be generally maintained,
and detraction guarded against, but not without some excep-
tions. When differences arise, care is taken to end them.

3. We believe that many of our members are concerned to
bring up their minds to the question of sinners, to warn them
from every known sin, and from corrupted conversation;
and to be exemplary herein themselves; while others are too
deficient in these important duties. The scriptures are frequently
read in most of our families.

4. Friends are mostly careful to avoid the uncer-
tain use of spirituous liquors, frequenting taverns, and

Places of public resort, yet all are not sufficiently guarded in these respects: in some cases of deviation labour has been bestowed. Moderation and temperance on account of births, marriages, &c. appear to be generally observed.

5. Can is taken in the second part of this query.

6. Friends are generally careful in these respects.

A few instances of deviation are under notice.

7. We are exempt from trials as it respects Priests' wages. — Generally clear as to military matters, except a few instances, mostly of minors, sailing in vessels prepared for defence; and where opportunity has offered, care has been taken. We believe that most are careful in the other parts of this query, yet we fear that all are not sufficiently guarded.

8. Friends are generally careful in these respects; in a few instances wherein it has been otherwise, care has been taken.

9. Marriages are recorded. The record of births and deaths not so fully attended to. A few instances of removal without certificates are under notice.

10. We endeavour to deal regularly with offenders, and to place judgment when necessary, according to discipline; yet these weighty services are not always so reasonably attended to as would be best.

Nantucket monthly meeting for the Northern District having proposed the appointment of Joseph Austin to the station of an Elder — the further consideration of the appointment is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting;

Our esteemed friend Gideon Mollenet, having, in his late religious visit to New England, attended most of the meetings comprising this quarterly meeting, in which his companion & Gospel labours were acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Plains Monthly Meeting, State of New-York.

Our esteemed friend Eliezer Thayer having attended several of the monthly, and most of the particular meetings belonging to this Quarterly Meeting,

as well as several appointed Meetings, in which his company and Gospel labours were acceptable to us — as was also the company and services of our friend Joseph Haines, his companion, the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Greenham monthly meeting, New-Jersey.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk, viz.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, next to be held
on Rhode-Island.

Dear Friends,

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting were received and read in this.

We have united with Naumuck Monthly Meeting, for the Northern District in the appointment of Merab Gardner to the Station of an Elder.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from the several monthly Meetings; from which the answers general answers were compiled, and we think are descriptive of our present State.

Our proportion of Stock is paid to your Treasurer.

Our friends James Tucker, Samuel Rodman, David Kelley, Samuel Hewitt, Stephen Rogers, and Robert Prayton, are appointed our Representatives to your meeting.

Signed on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 7th of 4 m^o 1811. by

Ab^m Shearman, Jun^r Clerk

Gideon Wing, Seth Kelley, Smith Brown, Stephen Rogers, Peter Macey, Cromwell Barnard, James Tucker, Abner Potter, Jr. Eben^r Baker, Joseph Gripps, Cornelius Hoaland, Sam^l Rodman, Samuel Mitchell, and Jeremiah Austin, Jun^r are appointed a Committee to propose to our next Quarterly Meeting, the proportion which each monthly meeting, shall contribute to the Quarterly meeting, Stock.

The business bro^t before this meeting being, considered, we propose to meet again in the 7th m^o next at a time not yet determined.
On behalf of the meeting. Ab^m Shearman, Jr. Clerk

St Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, Held at
Nantucket, 7th of 7m^o 1814.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk being absent,
George M. Webb is appointed Clerk, & Samuel Brown
Assistant Clerk, for the day.

Accounts being received from all the Monthly
Meetings except Westport, the Representations herein
named, are,

From Church. Miss. Miss. Miss. Miss.
Pembroke, Samuel Brown, David C. Brown,
Nantucket, Cromwell Leonard, Obed. Macy, Kimball Hubbard,
Westmouth, Ebenezer Lawrence, Collins Smith,
New Bedford, Edw. Wing, Rich^d. Hathaway, Nathan Davis,
Nantucket N. District, Jonathan Swain, Texas Gardner.
Who are all present except Ebenezer Lawrence & Edw^d Wing.

The following extracts from the Minutes of our last
Yearly Meeting, were read, and directed to be forwarded
to our several monthly meetings: vizt.

"This meeting having obtained information, by the
reading, of the minutes of the meeting for Sufferings, that
a suitable lot for the erection of buildings to accommodate
a Yearly Meeting School, containing, about forty three acres,
in the vicinity of Providence, had been offered for that
purpose, by our friend Moses Brown, to this Yearly
Meeting. And the Meeting for Sufferings having
satisfied themselves, thro' the report of a Committee of
their appointment, that the lot affords a pleasant and
healthy situation, to erect suitable buildings upon for
this desirable object, which has for many years occa-
sionally occupied the serious attention of this Meeting.
And feeling at this time a renewed engagement for the
wanted education of our Youth; and a very general agree-
ment being manifested, that the time has arrived
wherein it may be entered upon with a better prospect
of accomplishing the long-looked design, than has been heretofore
presented to our view. The present amount of the

the Fund subscribed for this purpose, with its interest, is upwards of \$9000, which is considered inadequate to the expense that will attend the erection of suitable buildings, & to defray the other expenses of the institution. We therefore recommend to Friends, to aid the present Fund by Subscriptions in their freedom, and forward to the C. Meeting for Sufferings on account of the sum; that they may be justified how to act therein. We tenderly exhort Friends to be liberal in their subscriptions according to the means afforded them: remembering, that we are only Stewards of the Goods we possess; that we hold them ^{by} a very uncertain tenure; & that a righteous and benevolent disposition of a part of them, may procure a blessing, upon the remainder.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Yearly C. Meeting held at Rhode Island, from the 12th to the 18th of Dec^r 1814.

Samuel Rodman, Clerk
to the C. Meeting this Year.

P. M. For week 2nd inst., Money: Report of, "Yearly C. Meeting's Stock, is one hundred fifty four dollars."

The meeting adjourns to the 1st Jan the afternoon.

Adjourned — met by adjournment.

The proposition from Antislavery monthly meeting for the North and Street, respecting the appointment of Joseph Austin to the station of an Elder, being referred from our last Quarterly meeting, and being now weightily considered, it is the sense of this meeting, with the concurrence of the women, to wait until that meeting in the appointment, & John H. Mitchell is appointed to inform him of the select meeting, hereof.

The Representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting, report they all attended.

The Committee on the Quarterly Meeting, Stock, not having only to report an appointment, are continued to our next quarterly meeting.

The representatives not being qualified to propose a new reason for this meeting, to visit the subject is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries have been read, & answers to the usual

then from all the Monthly Meetings except Westport.

The business of this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th mo. at Sandwich.

On behalf of the Meeting,

George Mitchell, Clerk for the day.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich,
6th of 10th Month, 1814.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are,

For Sandwich, Daniel Bowdman, Samuel Wing,

Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Jacobus Estes,

Nantucket, James Gardner, Junr, Cyrus Hussey,

Dartmouth, Joseph Tucker, John Wing, Abraham Russell,

Westport, Joseph Tappin, John David, Samuel Hewitt,

N. Bedford, Edward Wing, Nathan Davis, Joseph Davis,

Nantucket District, Joseph & Keston, & Dan C. Mitchell,

who are all present.

The queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to the 1st, 2^d & 10th, from all the Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed in the 11th month last to apportion the Quarterly Meeting Stock, not being ready to report, the subject is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

It is concluded to raise 500 dollars for the expenses of the ensuing Year.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th month, at New Bedford.

Joseph Davis, Assis^t Clerk

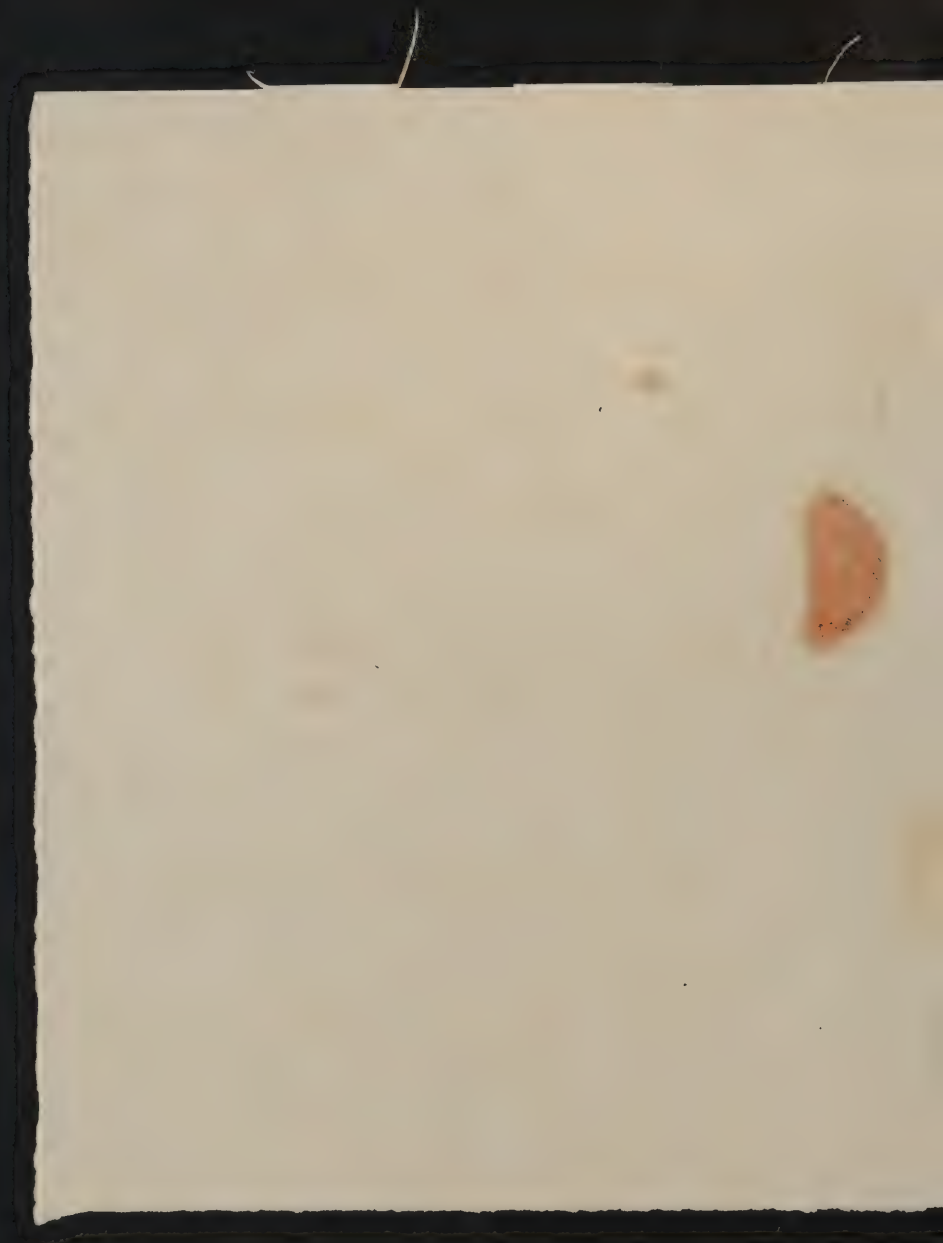
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 1st of 12m^o 1814.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are

For

Proportions of Stock
agreed upon. 12m^o. 1814

Sandwich	10	
Pembroke	3	
Dartmouth	12	
Westport	10	
Nantucket	~~17~~ 20	
N. District	~~18~~ 15	
New Bedford	30	\$100



For Sandwich, Gideon Wing, Seth Welley,
 " Pembroke. — John Bailey, James Cushing,
 " Nantucket, Mathew Thayer, Peter Macey,
 " Dartmouth Isaac Lawrence, Caleb Thearman, James Tucker,
 " Westport, John Potter, Joseph Trapp, Cornelius Macomber,
 " New Bedford, Ezra Smith, Charles Howland, Humphrey Davis,
 " Nantucket N.D. — Matthew Parker, Elihu Gardner.

— who are all present except James Cushing and
 Ezra Smith. — The attendance of the latter is prevented
 by bodily indisposition.

Our friend James Wallock attended this
 Meeting, and presented certificates from the At-
 tending of Marlborough and Quarterly Meeting,
 of Nine Partners, dated in the 3^d and 4th months
 last, expressive of their unity with his ministry and
 visit. — His company & services have been satisfactory
 and edifying. A certificate of his services is re-
 ferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries, with answers from the several
 Monthly Meetings, to the 1st 2^d & 10th were read;
 upon which some appropriate remarks, tending
 to encourage Friends in the support of our religious
 testimonies were made.

The following report was read and ac-
 cepted, viz. "To the Quarterly Meeting;

"According to our appointment in the 4th
 Month last, to apportion the Stock of the Quarterly Meeting
 to the several Monthly Meetings, we have consulted
 thereon, and agreed to the following:

\$ 30	Sandwich Monthly Meeting.	10 per cent
15	Pembroke.	3 —
40	Dartmouth.	12 —
85	Nantucket	17 —
50	Acacret, Westport,	10 —
150	New Bedford	30 —
90	Nantucket N. District	18 —
\$ 500		100 —

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
 New Bedford, Dec 1, 1811.
 Ebenezer Parker
 Peter Macey.

The respective Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of \$500. - the sum agreed to be raised at our last Quarter, to the Treasurer of this Meeting, agreeably to the preceding report.

We unite with the Women's Meeting, in the appointment of Lydia Macy, Jr; proposed by Nantucket Monthly Meeting, and Elizabeth Howland, proposed by Dartm. Monthly Meeting, to the places of Elders, and W. Welch, Jr is appointed to inform the select Meeting hereof.

The business of this Meeting being finished, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place, in the 4th month next.

Joseph Davis, Assis. Clk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, Nov. 13. 1815

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are from Sandwich, Paul King, Simon Giffers, Jr, Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Benjamin Percival, Dartmouth, John Giffers, John Smith, James Tucker, Westport, John Smith, John Babham, Joseph Triggs, Weymouth, Moses Howland, Job Ledyard, Matt. Howland, Nantucket, W. Leach, Samuel & Samuel Lucian who are all present.

Abel Howman, Junr is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assistant Clerk for the year ensuing. Sandwich, Nantucket, Dartmouth, Westport, New Bedford and Nantucket W. Dist. Monthly Meetings inform, that they have directed their proportion of Stock paid to our Treasurer.

We unite with the Monthly Meeting of Westport, in approving the publick appearance in the Ministry of Philip Dunsen, & James Tucker is appointed to inform the select meeting hereof.

Our esteemed friend James Hallock having attended the meeting in the 11th month last, and visited all the meetings hitherto belonging, in which his company and religious services were acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Hallock's Monthly Meeting;

The following, amount to the Yearly Meeting, embracing the further minutes of the meeting, I was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

In the Yearly Meeting of Friends, next to be held
See that Letter for N. England.
Dear Friends,

Extracts from the Minutes of your last meeting were sent in this, and copies thereof forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

We have united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, for the Northern District, in the appointment of Jacob Austin to the station of an Elder, with Nantucket M. Meeting, in the appointment of Lydia Macy, & our with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Elizabeth Howland to the same office. — We have also united with Westport Monthly Meeting in approving the full-time appearance in the ministry of Philip Freeman.

The Minutes have been sent with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, from which the annexed general answers were compiled, and are thought to be descriptive, as far as they extend of our present situation.

Our proportion of Book is directed to be paid to your Treasurers.

We have appointed James Tucker, Peter Ching, James Lyford, John Sumner, & George H. Clapton of Dartmouth & New Bedford, our Representatives to your meeting. — Signed on behalf, and by direction of our Yearly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 5th of Decr 1810.
Abner Shearman, M. Clerk.

Assurance to the Society, referred to in the
preceding account. 3

1. All our meetings for worship and discipline,
are attended generally by the greater part of our members.
Some deficiencies are observed, particularly in the attendance
of infant and married, and those for discipline. The
House is generally attended to. Except a few instances
of sleeping, hardly other undecorous behaviour.
Some censure has been repeated in cases of idleness.

2. Love and unity are maintained, and hatred
is guarded against by most Friends. While some
are far and distant in their important duties. — When
differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

3. Many Friends are concerned to bring up
those under their discipline as parents, and are good ex-
amples themselves, while others are less so. Both is
precept and example. The Holy Scriptures are read in
our families, but not far, not so frequently in all
as would be best.

4. Friends are generally careful to avoid the use
of spirituous liquors, unless for medical purposes, and
the unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of publick
resort. — a few exceptions, in favor of the accounts
that have come up to us, are noticed with regret. —

A good degree of moderation and temperance is ob-
served on account of births, marriages, &c.

5. Care is generally taken in the several parts
of the query.

6. Care is generally taken. Some instances of
deviation are under notice.

7. Our testimony in these respects is generally
maintained.

8. Friends are generally careful in these respects.
Some deviations are under notice.

9. Meetings are recorded. In some of our
meetings, the recording of births, &c. is not sufficiently
attended to. A few instances of absence without
excuse are under notice.

10. Excesses are generally used to deal reg-
ularly with offenders, and to place judgment, where
it appears necessary, according to discipline.

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The business book before the meeting being
very uninteresting, we propose to read again in the
next month next at Nantucket.

Abm. Shearn and J. C. Clark.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
Nantucket, Feb 6 1815.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly
Meetings the Representatives therein named, and
from Sandwich, Nathl. Bifford, Wm. Bifford,
Pembroke, Smith Brown, Adam Brooks,
Nantucket, Horatio Board, Abner Perry, Geo. Withers,
Portsmouth, Isaac Lawrence, Humphry. Anthony, Ladb. Newman,
Westport, Lot Shearn, Isaac Robinson, Philip Deane,
New Bedford, Peter Perry, Thos. Wm. W. Welch for
Nantucket N. District, David Enders, Stephen Cook,
who are all present.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting,
report, that they attended except five the season
assigned for whose non-attendance, is satisfactory;
Agreed to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.
The London General Epistle of the last year was
read in this meeting;

The Queries were read, with answers to the
1st, 2^d and 10th.

An Epistolary Communication from our
last Yearly Meeting, was rec^d and read in this, and
copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to
the several Monthly Meetings. — It follows: —

" Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for the Year
held on Martha's Island, by adjournment
from the 11th day of the 1st mo to the 14th
of the 7th mo, inclusive, 1815.

" On a review of the state of our religious So-
ciety, as represented by the answers to the Queries

now received from the several Quarterly Meetings, our minds were impressed with deep solicitude, that a more careful attention to our several religious and moral duties, may be maintained; and in a particular manner, that we may be all more engaged in cultivating a more acquaintance with the redeeming love of God. Under this precious influence, we shall be found constant in the important duty of attending our meetings for Divine worship, whereby we shall not only bear a public testimony, of our belief in the superintendence of an All-wise Creator; but may, through Divine goodness, be often made partakers of that spiritual refreshment, which experience teaches us, is in many, dispensed to the humble dependent, and be thereby, strengthened in the performance of our various duties, for as we increase in the love to God, love one unto another will necessarily follow, and we shall be preserved in that unity, and fellowship which is the distinguishing badge of the disciples of Jesus.

Our minds have been exceedingly concerned, that all in profession with us may be increasingly cautious of making use of aulent spirit; the dreadful consequences of the frequent use of which, appears in the present day to excite a very laudable concern in the minds of many of the people at large, who are looking towards us both for example and assistance, to aid them in lessening the many evils which have flowed from this source. Hence it is highly important, that we should give no occasion of stumbling to others, in the support of a testimony, which we have long believed it our duty, to advocate.

and our Social & Monthly Meetings are particularly
advised to give their watchful attention to this subject.

Although it has been cause of thankfulness to us, that during a
period of war, our peaceable testimony has been so well maintained, yet
there are many inducements to call us to more attention and energy on
this very important and interesting subject. Our hearts have been made
humbly thankful in believing, that it is a time in which the attention
of the people is peculiarly turned towards an investigation of the
grounds of war; and that conviction has been wrought in the minds
of many, that it is a custom not reconcilable with the doctrines
and precepts of the Author of the Christian faith. Hence these con-
soling considerations, how very urgent is our duty to improve every
opportunity of diffusing the knowledge of that most excellent prin-
ciple, which we have now believed would produce and maintain,
"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Signed by direction, and in behalf of the Meeting

William Rotch, Jun^r Clerk

We are informed that our proportion of Yearly
Meeting Stock is one hundred & sixteen dollars, which
our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Yearly Meeting's
Treasurer, when the State Com^{rs} funds permit.

Our esteemed friend John Bailey, having, said
before this meeting, a concern which has for some time
reigned in his mind, to make a religious visit to friends
and others in the middle and Southern States, and
produced a certificate of concurrence from Pembroke
Monthly Meeting, which, was expressed therewith, and
he left at liberty, to pursue his prospect as truth may
open the way. And the Club is directed to insert
a copy of this minute on said Certificate.

We have had very acceptably, at this time, as
well as in several preceding meetings, the Company
of our esteemed friend Richard A. Voth, whose
Hospital

Gospel labours have been satisfactory, and Higgs,
and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a
copy of this minute.

The business left before this meeting being
concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th mo.
at Sandwich.

On behalf of the Meeting,
Abraham Sherman, Jr. Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich
10th mo. 5. 1815

Accounts being received from the several Monthly
Meetings, the Representatives therein named are
from Sandwich, Daniel Sherman, Seth Riley,
Dunbrooke, Wm. Ford, James Bean,
Nantucket, Abisha Parker, Cyrus Hussey, Her. Parker,
Dartmouth, Orono Wood, Daniel Gilmore, Mr. Russell,
Westport, Philip Tapp, John A. Tapp, Lot. Peorman,
N. Bedford, John C. Edm. Wing, Nathan Davis,
Nantucket N.E. James Parker, Matt. Parker,
who are all present, except Seth Riley and
Cyrus Hussey, — the attendance of the latter is
prevented by sickness in his family.

The Queries were read, with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st,
2^d & 10th.

Being informed by Sandwich Monthly
Meeting, that they have approved the published
opinions of Sumner, Swift, in the ministry,
we unite therewith; and the Women's meeting
concurring, Benajah Howland is appointed to
inform the Select Meeting thereof.

It is concluded to raise 300 dollars for
the service of the ensuing year, which our
several Monthly Meetings are requested to for-
ward to our Treasurer in the same proportion
as last year.

The company and religious services of our
esteemed friend Benjamin Taber, of Farkslow
Vermont, have been acceptable to us in this meeting
- as has also the company of our friend Stephen
Carpenter, his Company, and the Part is dis-
rected to furnish them with copies of this min-
ute, as it relates to each of them, respectively.

The business of this meeting being con-
cluded, we propose to meet again in the 12th
month at New Bedford.

Bro. Sheeman, J. Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New
Bedford, 12th Mo^o, 1845.

By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings,
the Representatives are, from
Sandwich, Levi Miller, Daniel Burman,
Sembrook, Nicholas Estes, John Bailey, Jr.
Nantucket, Seth Mitchell, Remond Taber, Gilbert Coffin,
Dartmouth, Giles Smith, Warren Lifford, Isaac C. Coker,
Westport, John Macomber, Joseph Lipp, John H. Baker,
New Bedford, Ben. Taber, Edw. Wing, Thos. Davis,
Nantucket N. District, Daniel Mitchell, Paul Messing,
who are all present.

Sandwich and New Bedford M^o. Meetings
inform, that they have directed their proportions of
Stock paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries have been read with answers
from the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2d
and 10th.

The London General Epistle of the pres-
ent year was read in this Meeting, to our satisfac-
tion and instruction.

Wm. Lifford having appeared to this
Meeting, from the judgment of Westport Monthly

Meeting, denying unity with him, and that
Westport Meeting, having appointed a Committee to
represent the case before this Meeting, we appoint
Daniel Baerman, Abel Allen, Loccheus
Esq., Smith Brown, Cromwell Barnard, Silbert
Coffin, Asa Howland, James Tucker, Samuel
Rodman, William Hatch, Jr. Paul Hussey, and
S. L. Gardner, to take said Appeal into con-
sideration, hear the Applicant, and the Committee
of Westport N^o. Meeting, and report their judg-
ment to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our warmest friend Elizabeth Parker
having very wisely referred in this Meeting a
prospect which has for a considerable time past
impressed her mind of paying a religious visit
to Friends in Europe. — and a Certificate of
unity and concurrence with her prospect, from
Manuel & Martha Harding, having been read
the subject, after claiming the deliberate and
sympathetic consideration of this Meeting, was
referred in concurrence with the Women, to our
next Quarterly Meeting.

Our esteemed friends Joseph Douglass,
of Durham, and Tristram Huston, of Marl-
borough, Northampton, have been present
with us at this time, and produced satisfactory
Certificates from their respective Churches, their
Company, and religious services have been accept-
able to us, and the Club is directed to furnish
them with copies of this Minute, as it relates to
each.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 1st month next at a time to be after d

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A Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford
4th Month 4th, 1816.

Accounts being received from all the Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named, are, from Sandwich, Abel Akin, Daniel Jenkins, Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, James Cushing, Nantucket, Albert Hussey, Her. Barnard, Matt. Parney, Dartmouth, Asa Howland, Osmon Woods, Collins Smith, Westport, Prince Wing, Samuel Newitt, Peter Dool, N. Bedford, Weston Howland, Job Ols, Ezra Wing, Nathan Davis, Nantucket N. D. Matthew Parker, Libni Sawner, who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed, being expired, Abraham Shearman, Jr. is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assistant-Clerk for the year ensuing.

We are informed by Pembroke, Nantucket, Dartmouth, Westport, and Nantucket Northern District M^o. Meetings, that their proportion of Stock is directed to be paid to our Treasurers.

The Queries have been read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary is compiled, and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

1st. Our meetings for worship and discipline are attended by most of our Members; but some are too neglectful, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings. — The Lord is observed. — A few instances of sleeping are noticed. — Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. — In some instances of deficiency, Labour has been bestowed.

2^d. Love and unity are generally maintained — detraction, tho' mostly discountenanced; is not in some instances sufficiently guarded against. Where differences have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them.

3^d. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction, in plainness; to restrain them

from the perusal of pernicious Books, and from corrupting conversation; and to be good examples herein, while others are too deficient both in precept and example; and a greater engagement in these particulars is evidently necessary. The Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

4. Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medical purposes. — In some instances of deviation, care has been extended. — The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort is mostly avoided, and a good degree of moderation is observed on account of births, marriages, &c.

5. Care is generally taken as respects the several parts of this Query.

6. Care generally prevails that proceedings in regard to marriage be conformable to discipline. — When instances of deviation have come to our knowledge, the care of Society, has been extended.

7. Friends are concerned to maintain a testimony as queried. — One instance of deviation in regard to training, is under notice.

8. Friends are generally careful in these respects. — Tho' more care in timely settling accounts, is, in some instances necessary.

9. Our records are generally attended to. — Instances of removal without certificate are under notice.

10. Endeavours are used to deal regularly with offenders, and to place judgment, where it appears necessary, according to discipline. — Yet these weighty services, we fear, are not always so seasonably attended to, as truth requires.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to take into consideration the appeal of Noah Gifford from the judgment of Westport Monthly Meeting, denying unity with him, made the following report, viz.

"Agreeably to appointment we have met Noah Gifford, Appellant, and the Committee of Westport Monthly Meeting, and after deliberately hearing the

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford
4th m^o 4, 1816.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to
take into consideration the appeal of Noah Gifford
from the judgment of Westport Monthly Meeting, de-
nying unity with him, made the following report, viz

"Agreeably to appointment we have met Noah
"Gifford, appellant, and the Committee of Westport Monthly
"Meeting, and after deliberately hearing the case as repre-
"sented by them; and solidly considering the proceedings
"of said Meeting, are of the opinion that the judgment
"of Westport Monthly Meeting in disowning said Noah
"Gifford ought to be reversed upon the ground of irregularity
"of proceeding.

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New Bedford, 12m^o 7, 1816.

which being considered, is accepted, and the decision of Westport
Monthly Meeting, is reversed in conformity therewith.

Copy, from Records,

By direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held
at Nantucket, 7th m^o 4, 1816.

Wm. Shearman, Jr. Secy

case as represented by them, and solidly considering the proceedings of said Meeting, are of the opinion that the judgment of Westport Monthly Meeting in disowning said Noah Gifford ought to be reversed upon the ground of irregularity of proceeding;

New Bedford, 12th 7, 1815.

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James Tucker
Samuel Rodman
Wm. Welch, jun.
Paul Thayer,
Libni Carver.

which being considered, is accepted, and the decision of Westport Monthly Meeting, is reversed in conformity therewith.

The concern of our esteemed friend Elizabeth Parker to pay a religious visit to Friends in some parts of Great-Britain and Ireland having, again claimed the weighty and sympathetic consideration of this meeting, we unite with the women, in submitting the subject of her concern to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, for its approbation and concurrence, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Women's Meeting, in preparing an indorsement to be entered on the Certificate of the Yearly Meeting, expressive of our utility & concurrence, and sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

We unite with New Bedford Monthly Meeting, in approving the publick appearance in the Ministry of Experience Shearman, the Women's Meeting, having concurred therein.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting is approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk, viz.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, next to be held on Rhode-Island, for New-England.

Dear Friends,

Extracts from the Minutes of your last Meeting, were received and read in this Meeting, and copies forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings. We

We have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the publick appearances in the Ministry, of Browning Swift, and with New Bedford M^o Meeting in approving the publick appearance of Experience Shearman.

The annexed Summary, compiled from the Answers received from the several Monthly Meetings, we think descriptive of the present state of our Society, as far as embraced by the Queries.

Our proportion of Stock is directed to be paid to your Treasurer.

We have appointed our friends Russell Davis, Matthew Parker, Herzekiah Barnard, James Tucker, Wm Giffords, and Abraham Russell, of Dartmouth, our Representatives to your Meeting.

Signed on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 4th M^o 1815.

Abm Shearman, Jr. Clerk.

The company and religious engagements of our esteemed friend Rachel Barnard, of Kennet Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, have been acceptable to us in this, as well as in several Meetings hitherto belonging.

— as has also the company of our esteemed friend Elizabeth Pennock, of London Grove M^o Meeting in the same state.

The company of our esteemed fr^d Caleb Swayne, of London Grove M^o Meeting, has likewise been acceptable to us.

And the Clerk is directed to furnish minutes in conformity with this, signed on behalf of the Meeting,

The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 7th m^o next, at Hantucket.

On behalf of the Meeting,

Abm Shearman, Jr. Clerk

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○ A Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket,
7th Mo. 4th, 1816.

○ Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are,
From Sandwich, Daniel Powerman, Prince Gifford, Jun.
Pembroke, Benjamin Percival, Stephen Rogers.
Nantucket, Obed Marcy, Edmund Gale, W^m Mitchell,
Dartmouth, Caleb Shearman, Abraham Russell, Simon Wood,
Westport, Samuel Newitt, Thomas Wing, Cornelius Macomber,
New Bedford, Thaddeus Swain, Nicholas Davis, S. Woodman,
Nantucket, A. D. David Hussey, Joseph Austin,
who are all present, except Prince Gifford, Jun. Thomas Wing,
and Nicholas Davis. For the absence of the two former
a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting
report that they attended.

The Clerk is directed to furnish Westport
performer Monthly Meeting, with a copy from record of the
Minute of our last Meeting, respecting Noah Gifford.

We are informed by an Extract from the
minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, that our pro-
portion of stock is one hundred & sixteen dollars;
which our Treasurer is requested to forward to
them, whenever the state of the Treasury permits.

The Representatives propose, that one hundred
and fifty dollars be raised for the use of this meet-
ing, which is approved, and our several Mo^o
Meetings are requested to forward their propor-
tion to our Treasurer in the same ratio as
last year.

Adjourned to the 14th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon — met by adjournment.

The Queries were read, with answers from
the several Mo^o Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.
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We have had very acceptably at this time,
the company and services of our friends Anna M.
Thorn, of Ninepartners; Lemima Reese, of Peru;
Judith Coffin, of Creek; and Elizabeth Baldwin,
of Troy. Monthly Meetings, in the State of N. York.

The Company of our friends William Reese,
of Peru, & Smith Upton, of Creek. M^o. Meetings,
has also been acceptable to us. And
the Clerk is directed to furnish them with minutes,
in conformity with this, Signed on behalf of the
Meeting.

The business bro't before this Meeting, being
concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10 m^o.
next at Sandwich. On behalf of the Meeting

Abm Shearman, Jun^r Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich,
10th Month 3^d 1816.

The Representatives named in the accounts from the sev-
eral Monthly Meetings, viz^t

From Sandwich, Gideon Wing, Seth Kelley,

Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Benjamin Percival,

Nantucket, Ezekiah Swain, Obed. Macey, Arisha Bunker,

Dartmouth, William Gifford, Eph^m Gifford, Edw. Tucker,

Westport, John Potter, Samuel Clark, John Gifford, 4th.

New Bedford, Edw. Wing, Nathan Davis, Thomas Nye,

Nantucket N. District, Charles J. Smith, James Parker,
Joseph Austin.

are all present. —

Sandwich Monthly Meeting in locus,
that it has directed its proportion of Stock paid
to our Treasurer.

The Queries have been read, with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 3^d & 10th.

We unite with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Gilbert Coffin to the Station of an Elder. the Women's Meeting concurring, therein.

We also unite, having the concurrence of the Women, with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, for the Northern district, in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Sarah M. Coffin.

And Cornelius Howland is appointed to inform the Select Meeting, hereof.

The London general Epistle of the present year, was read in this Meeting to our edification and encouragement; and led to the expression of some pertinent remarks on the important advices therein contained; particularly on the interesting duties of Parents and Children?

We have had acceptably at this time, the company of our Friend Stephen Rogers, of Danby, whom the Clerk is directed to furnish with a copy of this minute.

The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 12th mo. next at New Bedford. On behalf of the Meeting,

Abr^m Shearman, Jun^r Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford 12^{mo}: 5, 1816.

The Representatives named in the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings were

From Sandwich, Seth Willey, Gideon Wing.

Cum broke, Benjamin Loring, Darius Eyles.

Nantucket, Peter May, Gilbert Coffin.

Dartmouth, Rev. Smith, Samuel Bifford, Howard Potter.

Westport, Samuel Glade, Isaac Lockman, Sam^l Newitt.

New Bedford, Francis Tubee, Perry Russell, Humph^y Hathorn.

Nantucket, N.D. Obed Fitch, Daniel Mitchell.

who are all present, except Gilbert Coffin and Samuel Bifford, for whose absence a sufficient reason is assigned.

We are informed by Benjⁿ Cooke, Nantucket -
Westport, and V. A. Bedford. N^o. Meetings, that they
have directed their proportion of Stock paid to our
Treasurers.

The Queries have been read, with answers
from the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st 2nd & 3rd.

We unite, after weighty deliberation, with Last
month's M^o. Meeting, in approving the publick attestances
in the ministry of Warren Bedford, and with W. Bedford
N^o. Meeting, in approving the publick attestances in
the ministry of Rufus Davis; with which the Women
concur, and W^oladiah Davis is appointed to inform
the Select Meeting hereof.

A Testimony of Westport M^o. Meeting
concerning our beloved Friend Jeremiah Austin, de-
ceased, is approved, and directed to be signed by
the Clerk; and forwarded to the Meeting for suf-
ferings. [It is as follows.]

A Testimony from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Westport,
in the State of Massachusetts, concerning our beloved Friend
and Elder, Jeremiah Austin.

He was the son of Robert and Hannah Austin
of Charlestown, in the State of Rhode-Island, where he was born, the
24th day of the 3^d Month, 1750. His parents being poor, he was at an
early age, hired out to labour for their support, and was by that means
not only deprived of the necessary benefit of Schools; but conse-
quently exposed to many temptations, whereunto his active mind
yielded, and he indulged in the amusements and follies incident to
the young and inconsiderate; for in his youth he was inclined to
vanity and dissipation. But being mercifully visited by Divine
grace immediately revealed in his heart, he was enabled to see
the detestable state, into which his poor soul had been brought
through sin. Great was the anguish and distress he was brought
into at that time, as some of us have heard him relate, but in
process of time he found relief to his distressed mind, by being
enabled to yield to the operations of the Spirit of Truth, and to
take up a resolution to forsake the evil of his ways, and to live a

more circumspect life. -----

Soon after he attained the age of manhood, he became convinced of the propriety and usefulness of religious fellowship and was joined therein to the Society of Friends, in the Monthly Meeting of South-Kingsdown, and being concerned so to run, that he might obtain the crown of eternal life, he was preserved from sitting down contented in an outward profession; and became engaged to press forward to experience a fellowship and communion with the Father and the Son; and continuing to grow in grace and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the noble talents with which he was endowed, became sanctified, and he was qualified to fill with dignity and propriety, the stations assigned him in the Church.

He began with little of the things of this world, but being diligent and industrious in providing for the comfort and accommodation of a numerous family, as well as concerned for Truth's prosperity, he was blessed in his labours, so that he lived comfortably, and maintained his family respectably, sustaining the character of an honest, peaceable man; and was often instrumental in restoring peace among his friends and neighbours; a service for which he was well qualified, his judgment being sound, and his manner mild and perswasive; which gave him great influence over the turbulent and unruly dispositions of some minds, so that they would listen to his propositions.

He gave evident proof that he was attentive both to his private and social duties, and while he was diligent in business, evinced a fervency of spirit, serving the Lord, not suffering his temporal concerns to divert his attention from the exemplary attendance of meetings both of worship and discipline. He was also concerned to promote the attendance of his family, and was happy in getting them to meetings, from which he mostly lived remote. He was valously engaged for good order and comely behaviour in meetings, and that they be concluded in the most proper time. In meetings of discipline he became eminently useful, having been instructed by the precepts of Christ, that, "whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them".

His love to the young and rising generation was strong and ardent, and he was often led into near sympathies

with them in their various trials and temptations, knowing by his own experience, that they were greatly increased upon them by their mixing with the spirit of the World. His meekness and love gave him great place in their minds, and we hope his exemplary life and pious admonitions, will prove to some of the present age, like bread cast upon the waters, which may be seen after many days.

His obedience to the Truth deeply fixed upon his mind the immutable principles of justice, and he was early concerned to support our testimony against the holding of our fellow-men in a state of Slavery, in which his zealous labours among his friends were blessed in several instances, and his precepts were enforced by his own example, for his Wife having by legacy, a female slave left to her by her Father, she was immediately manumitted.

He was, indeed, concerned faithfully to maintain our religious testimony in all its branches, and with Christian patience, suffered much loss of goods, in support of that against War.

He continued a member of South-Kingsdown Monthly Meeting until about the year 1766, when he removed to Rochester, in the state of Massachusetts, and was nearly twenty years very acceptably united with Friends of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, and in the year 1785, on removing to Little Compton in the state of Rhode Island, became a member of our meeting. Here he continued to devote much of his time and talents to the best of all causes, that of universal righteousness.

He was a very pleasant and cheerful companion, conspicuous for his humility and true Christian benevolence, of great simplicity and temperance, and free beyond the usual forms of breeding. His character was highly esteemed, both among Friends and others, in the different neighbourhoods where he resided.

He was employed in his usual occupation of husbandry, until within two years of his death; when after the death of his Wife, and his children being all married, he gave up that business, often mentioning with gratitude, the blessing that had followed his diligence and industry, whereby he had been enabled to educate his family, and support them with

comfort all his life long; and further expressed, that he had settled his affairs so that he did not know that he owed any person.

Having spent most of the two last years in visiting his children, who were remotely situated, he attended the Quarterly Meeting early in the 12th. Month, 1815, at New Bedford, and returning to his grand son, Joshua Austin, in nearly usual health, was soon after taken unwell, and remained so about two weeks, but was not wholly confined to the house; when on the morning of the 20th of the same month, after breakfasting as usual, he fell from his chair in a fit, and being laid on the bed, soon after expired, aged upwards of eighty six years; and on the 23^d of the month, was buried in Friends' burying ground in Little Compton, after a solid meeting of Friends and others.

As he had lived, so he died in the unshaken faith, that he had not followed carnally devised fables, but the pure and everlasting truth.

Signed in behalf of our Monthly Meeting of Men and Women Friends held at Waltham, the 21st day of the 11th month, 1816.

By

Ebenezer Baker, }
Elihu Newill. } Clerks.

[And the preceding Memorial is here recorded, as it came from the Meeting for Sufferings.]

The business bro't before this Meeting, being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 4th month next at New Bedford.

A. Shearman, Jr. Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 11th mo 3^d 1817

The Representatives named in the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, are:— from Sandwich, Joseph King, Jr. Silas Swift — Sandwich, Stephen Rogers, Smith Brown — Sandwich, Prince Garrison, Cyrus Hawley — Dartmouth, Abner Potter, Jr. Nathl. Hubbard, Jr. — Dufford — Westport, Lemuel Macomber, Adam Allen, Joseph Gifford — New Bedford,

New Bedford. Samuel Pomeroy, Nathan Davis, Hester
Hoskins, Humphrey Hathaway — Dartmouth. H. Dis-
James Parker, & Carl Hedges — who are all pres-
ent except James Parker, for whose absence a
sufficient reason is assigned.

The time for which the Clerk and Assist-
ants appointed being expired, Mr. Pomeroy is
appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assist-
ant for the year ensuing.

We are informed by Dartmouth and
Dartmouth & North District Monthly Meetings, that
they have directed their proportion of Stock paid to
our Treasurers.

We are informed by New Bedford Mth.
Meeting that they have united with the Monthly
Meeting at Dartmouth, in their proposed alteration
in part of the line of division between the two
meetings, viz. that in future a line running
from Resolved Howlands, to the South West corner
of Caleb Phormans farm, and thence East to Clark's
Cove, constitute said division line — which
being considered, is approved, and the Clerk is di-
rected to inform those meetings thereof.

The following account to the Quarterly Meeting,
embracing the latter business of this meeting, is ap-
proved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk, viz.

To the Quarterly Meeting of Friends, next to be held at
Rhode-Island, for New-England
Dear Friends,

An extract from the minutes of your last
Meeting was received and read in this; and in conformity
therewith, our proportion of Stock has been paid to your
Treasurer.

We have united with their respective Monthly
Meetings in approving the publick appearances

in the Ministry of Sarah M Coffin, of Sandwich
Northern District — Warren Gifford, of Dartmouth, and
Russell Davis, of New Bedford.
and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Gilbert Coffin to the station of an Elder.

The annual Summary, compiled from An-
swers to the Queries, received from our several Monthly
Meetings, we think descriptive of our present state, as far
as therein embraced.*

We have appointed our friends Samuel Redman,
Samuel Sewall, Isa Howland, Abraham Russell, of Dartmouth,
Pierce Gardner, Joseph King junr, Stephen Rogers, and
Abraham Shearman, for our Representatives to our
Meeting.

Given in behalf and by direction
of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford
12 m^o 23^d 1817.
Abraham Shearman, for Clerk

*(Summary.)

Answer 1st. At our meetings for religious worship
and discipline are attended by most friends, and the hour
observed. Week meetings and those for discipline are too
much neglected by some of our members. Except a few in-
stances of sleepiness at times, generally char of unbecoming
behavior. Some care is taken in these deficiencies.

2^d. Love and unity are generally maintained, and
dissension mostly guarded against. — But all are not suf-
ficiently engaged in these respects. Care is taken to modify
differences when they appear.

3^d. Care rests on the minds of many of our Members
to bring up those under their direction in prayers, and
in other respects as required; — such an in due degree ex-
ceeding themselves. Others are apparently negligent in
the discharge of those duties. The Scriptures we believe
are frequently read in most friends families.

4." We have again in the use of Spirituous liquors, prevails among our members, with few exceptions. — and that the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of publick resort is generally guarded against, but not without some instances to the contrary. Moderation and temperance appears to be observed on the occasions mentioned in the query.

5." Clear as far as appears.

6." All are not sufficiently careful in this respect. — Instances of deviation appear to be under notice.

7." We have no trial as to priests' wages, and appear to be clear in military matters, except two instances in our monthly meeting, of young men training with the militia, which are under notice. — No deviations in the other particulars queried after, have come to our knowledge.

8." Generally careful. — In some instances of deficiency, care has been extended.

9." Care is generally taken of our records. Removals without certificate are under notice.

10." We endeavour to deal with offenders, and to place judgment according to discipline, when it appears necessary.

Our esteemed friend David H. has, during his late visit in New England, having attended several of our Meetings, and all the Publick Meetings within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, in which his company and good labours were satisfactory to us. The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute signed on our behalf, to Rev. Mr. Meeting.

The business not before this meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 7th Mo. next, at New Bedford.

Agnes Shearman, Jr. Clerk

24 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket.
7m^o 3d, 1817.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are—
from Sandwich, Abiel Akin, William G. Ford,
^{Cornbrooke, James Kacy, John D. Bailey,}
Nantucket, Obed Macey, John Folger, Prince Lawner,
Dartmouth, Eben^r Allen, 2^d Joseph Lillford, Collins Smith,
Westport, Isaac Peckham, John Potter, Philip Cripps,
New Bedford, Samuel Rodman, Ezekiel Chaley,
Nantucket N. D. Charles Pittman, Robert Grayton,
who are all present.

By a minute from our last Yearly Meeting
we are informed that our proportion of Stock is \$155.
Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met by adjournment.

The Queries were read, with answers from our
several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d and 10th,
which led to the expression of many pertinent and
feeling remarks on some of the deficiencies therein
manifest, and of much impressive counsel, caution
and encouragement on other subjects connected with
a faithful discharge of our testimonies.

We unite with the Monthly Meetings of Westport
in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of
Joseph Cripps, with which the Women concur, and Cor-
nelius Howland is appointed to inform the Select Meet^g,
hereof.

It being concluded to raise one hundred and
fifty dollars for the use of this meeting, our several
Monthly Meetings are desired to forward their pro-
portions to our Treasurer, the same as last year.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting re-
port that they attended.

The Company and religious engagements of

our beloved friend Mary Nafel, of Great Britain have been very acceptable to us at this time. — The several Certificates of her Friends at home, expressive of their unity with her as a minister, and sympathy with her present concern, were read to our satisfaction.

The company of, ^{our friend} Hannah Lewis of Philad.^a companion to Mary Nafel, has been acceptable to us.

We have also had very acceptably, ~~at this~~ time, the company and services of our esteemed friends Jonathan Taylor, of Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; — of Isaac Horn, jun^r and Benjamin Mitchels of Nine Partners, and Wm Cromwell, of Oswego Monthly Meetings in the State of New York, who produces satisfactory Certificates of unity with their ministers and prospects.

The company, of our friends Benjamin W. Ladd, of Plymouth M^o Meeting, Ohio; of Lodowick Foxie, of Oswego and Heben Howes, of Ninepartners M^o Meetings, New York, has likewise been acceptable to us. —

and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of minutes, embracing the substance of this as it relates to each respectively; — signed on behalf of this Meeting.

The business bro't before this Meeting, being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th M^o next at Sandwich.

Abraham Shearman J^r Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich, 10th 2, 1817.

The Representatives named in the account, from the several Monthly Meetings, are, from Sandwich, Edward Gifford, Joshua Swift — Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Mordecai Ellis — Nantucket, Ben^o Gardner, Peter Paddock — Dartmouth, Nathaniel Howland, Eben Allen, Seth Davis — Westport, Philip Trapp, Nath^o Kirby, Jr.

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New Bedford, Caleb Jenney, Abraham Davis, Samuel Rodman — Nantucket M. District, Lenas Gardner, Daniel Mitchell. — Who are all present except Nathaniel Howland, whose absence is occasioned by ill health.

The Queries have been read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

We are informed by Sandwich M^o. Meeting that they have directed their proportion of Stock paid to our Treasurers.

We unite, after weighty consideration, with Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the M^o. District, in the appointment of Lenas Gardner to the station of an Elder, the Women concurring therein.

--- We unite with the Women, (the subject having claimed the feeling and weighty consideration of this meeting,) in approving the publick appearances in the Ministry, of Tabitha Lifford, of Dartmouth. --- D^r Cornelius Howland is appointed, to inform the Select Meeting hereof.

Jeremiah Austin having appealed from the decision of Nantucket M^o. Meeting for the M^o. District, denying unity with him, and that M^o. Meeting having appointed a Committee to represent the case to this Meeting, We appoint Abel Allen, Samuel Wing; Stephen Rogers, John Bailey; Peter Paddock; Asa Howland, Warren Lifford, Isaac Macomber, John Potter, William Tallman, & Cornelius Howland, to take said appeal into consideration hear the Appellant, and the Committee of said M^o. Meeting, and report their judgment therein, to our next M^o. Meeting.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 12th M^o. next at New Bedford.

Abm Shearman M. Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Bedford, 12m^o 4, 1817.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are from Sandwich, Daniel Bowerman, Gideon Wing, Pembroke. Stephen Rogers, Daniel Otis, Nantucket. Matthew Parney, Cyrus Flussey, Dartmouth. Joseph Tucker, Isaac Lawrence, Warren Gifford, Westport. John Macomber, John Potter, Sam^l Steads, New Bedford. Francis Taber, Humphrey Davis, Nantucket M. District, Daniel Thornton, Tob^l Brayton, who are all present, except John Potter and Daniel Thornton, detained by ill health.

Nantucket, Dartmouth, Westport, and New Bedford M^o Meetings inform that their proportions of Stock are paid, or directed to be paid to our Treasures.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

Our beloved friend John Russell Davis having weightily opened in this Meeting, a concern which has for some considerable time past rested on his mind, of making a religious visit to Friends in the northerly parts of New York Yearly Meeting, the subject claimed our sympathetic consideration, near unity was expressed therewith, and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as truth may open the way.

And the Clerk is directed to indorse the substance of this minute, on the Certificate of concurrence from Sandwich M^o Meeting.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, upon the appeal of Jeremiah Austin, made the following report: viz^t.

"To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at New Bedford:

"We your Committee, appointed in the case of

of Jeremiah Austin's appeal from the judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket for the Northern District, do inform, that we have had an opportunity together. Jeremiah and the Monthly Meeting's Committee were all present; and after hearing the parties on both sides, do agree, and it is our judgment, that the judgment of the said Mt. Meeting be confirmed. —

John Bailey
Cornelius Howland
Wm. Tallman
Abiel Akin
Warren Gifford
Isaac Macomber
John Potter
Stephen Rogers
Peter Paddock
Asa Howland
Samuel Wing

Sandwich 10m^o 2^d 1817.

Which being considered, is accepted, and the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern District, denying unity with him is accordingly confirmed, — and he being present, signified his intention of appealing from the decision of this, to the Yearly Meeting. — The appointment of a Committee to represent the case before said Meeting, is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

We unite, after weighty consideration, with the Women, in approving the publick appearances in the ministry, of Susannah Swift, of Sandwich Mt. Meeting — and Cornelius Howland is desired to inform the Select Meeting hereof.

Our esteemed friends Daniel Howland and Thomas Anthony, attended this Meeting with copies of Minutes from Greenwich Mt. Meeting. — Their company and services have been acceptable to us, — and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with minutes conformably herewith.

*A Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Bedford, 4th mo^o 2d. 1818.*

*By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings,
the Representatives therein named are,*

*From Sandwich, Samuel Wing, Jashup Wing,
" Pembroke, Benjamin Perival, Stephen Rogers
" Nantucket, W^m Mitchell, Matt^o Parney, John Gorham Coffin,
" Dartmouth, Ab^m Russell, Asa Howland, Ben^a Tucker,
" Westport, Peter Devol, Samuel Lead, Stephen Cornell, 2
" N. Bedford, Moses L. Moody, Nathan Davis, Sam Rodman,
" Nantucket N. District, Paul Hussey, Sam^l Swain.
who are all present.*

*The time for which the Clerk and Assistant
were appointed, being expired, Abraham Shearman, Jr.
is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assistant
for the year ensuing.*

*We are informed by Pembroke M^o Meeting
that they have directed their proportion of Stock
paid to our Treasurer; and by Nantucket N. Dist^t
M^o Meeting, that theirs is paid.*

*Our beloved friend, Elizabeth Barker re-
turned to this Meeting the certificate of concurrence with
Nantucket Monthly Meeting, granted her in the fourth
month, 1816, (uniting with her prospect of a religious
visit to Friends and others in Great-Britain and
Ireland) — accompanied with Certificates from the
Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland held
in Dublin, in the 12th & 5th mo^o 1817, and from the Morning
Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in the
10th month 1817 — expressive of the satisfaction derived
from her labours of love in the Gospel, while among
them.*

*We unite, after weighty consideration, with New-
Bedford M^o Meeting in approving the public appearances
in the Ministry, of Mary Card^r — the women having united
therewith — and Cornelius Howland is desired to inform the
Select Meeting, hereof.*

*Jeremiah Austin having signified at our
last Quarterly Meeting his intention of appealing*

from the decision of this meeting, confirming the judgment of Nantucket M^o. Meeting for the Northern District denying unity with him. We appoint Samuel Rodman, Cornelius Howland, Abraham Russell, of Dartmouth, and James Tucker, to represent the case before the Yearly Meeting — and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with Minutes of our proceedings, here signed on behalf of the Meeting.

We unite, after weighty consideration of the subject, with the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth in disapproving the public appearances in the Ministry of Stephen Buffinton; with which the Women connect, and William Rotch, Jun^r is requested to inform the Select Meeting of this conclusion.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting, embracing the Quittin business of this Meeting, is attested.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends, next to be held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear Friends,

We received a minute from your last Meeting, and agreeably thereto, our proportion of Stock is paid to your Treasurers.

We have united with their several M^o. Meetings in approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of

Joseph Tripp, of Westport,

Sabilla Gifford, of Dartmouth,

Susanna Swift, of Sandwich,

& Mary Card, of New Bedford,

and with Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern District, in the appointment of Jonas Gardner to the Station of an Elder.

And have also united with the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, in disapproving the public appearances in the Ministry of Stephen Buffinton.

The Queries were read in this meeting, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings; from which the annexed Summary was compiled and directed to be forwarded to your Meeting, as descriptive of our present state as far as therein embraced.

1st Our meetings are diligently attended by most of our members; yet there is some deficiency, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings and those for discipline; the hour generally observed, and clear of unbecoming behaviour, excepting a few instances of sleeping. Care has been taken in some of the above deficiencies.

2^d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction guarded against. Altho' a shortness in some is apparent in these important duties. Where differences arise care is generally taken to them.

3^d Some Friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupting conversation and are themselves exemplary; while others are too remiss, particularly in regard to plainness. The scriptures are frequently read in our families.

4th Generally careful in these respects; in some instances of deficiency, care has been extended.

5th We think careful as it respects this Query.

6th Care rests on the minds of some Friends as regards this Query, while others are deficient herein.

7th We have no trial as respects priests Wages. & we think clear in the other parts of this query except one instance under notice.

8th Generally careful in these respects. In some instances of deficiency, care has been taken.

9th Records generally attended to. Some instances of removal without Certificate, are under notice.

FROM THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

FROM THE 14TH TO THE 17TH DAY OF THE SIXTH MONTH, 1818,
TO THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS HERETO BELONGING.

DEAR FRIENDS,

THE deficiencies unfolded to our view in the Answers to the Queries, have been deeply exercising to the minds of many present, and have called forth the expression of a lively concern for their removal. We are aware, that next to the influence of the Spirit of Truth itself, immediately operating on the minds of those who have hitherto neglected its reproofs and invitations, and thus become the objects of these complaints; the labours of concerned and faithful Friends, in their respective Meetings, as they become qualified for this, by the influence of the same Spirit, is the source from which we are to expect the most extensive usefulness:—Yet we have felt unwilling to retire from this Assembly, without attempting, under some measure, as we humbly trust, of the influence of Divine love, to address our absent Brethren on some of the interesting subjects, in regard to the state of Society, which have thus occupied our attention.

ONE of the most prominent causes of complaint, and one which has excited a very lively concern, has so frequently been the object of general and individual labour, that we would gladly refrain from again adverting to it; yet while the cause remains, we cannot, in justice to our feelings, silently pass it by. We allude to the neglect of our Meetings for the solemn act of divine worship.—Can the love of God hold a place in that mind which refuses him the reasonable service, of devoting to a public acknowledgment of our dependence upon him, a small portion of that time which he has granted us for purposes the most deeply interesting, having relation not only to the present life, but to that which is to come?—Can the spirit of watchfulness and prayer pervade that mind which feels no concern, under a sense of its own weakness, to unite with the spirits of others, in humbly waiting upon him for the renewal of strength, for the guidance of his Spirit, for that sufficiency for all the exigencies of time, which is from him alone; and, as the heart becomes rightly qualified therefor, to join
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in the ascription of praises to him, for all his manifold favours to his creature man.—We are solicitous, that considerations of this kind may deeply impress the minds of all who have given rise to these complaints; that they may be induced closely to examine whether the want of love to God, the first great duty of man, be not indeed the secret cause of this neglect, however plausible may have been the reasonings by which they have justified it to themselves. It is almost too obvious to require the remark, that the want of love and unity among Brethren, will be found to result from the same cause.—“If we walk in the light, as he [who has called us] is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.”—To the manifestations of this light, may the attention of all be directed, as to a certain standard. Leaning not to our understanding, to the erring and uncertain light of human reason, may we bring not only our actions, but our motives, to the balance of the sanctuary; solicitous alone to refer them to principle. Here we shall let go that attachment to the world, its wisdom, its spirit and maxims, which is at enmity with God, and enter upon that life of self-renunciation to which all the blessings of the Gospel apply. Here *all* our testimonies will be supported, not because they are enjoined by Discipline, but from an internal conviction of their consistency with the Truth.—Love unfeigned, will abound—the spirit of war, or a disposition to partake of its fruits, will find no place—the motive to deviate from Christian simplicity will be done away—the importance of education, the responsibility of the parental charge, will be viewed in its just light—our conversation will be guarded—the Scriptures of Truth will be read with delight—the wants of the poor will be relieved—the non-performance of promises will cease to be a subject of complaint—we shall be qualified to labour, feelingly, fervently and patiently, with those whom we find stepping aside from the path of rectitude; and enabled to place judgment when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth. Here in fine, (as an advancement is known in this path) will be witnessed a happy release from the bondage of the world, and an admission to the glorious liberty which is to be enjoyed in the freedom of the Gospel; which we desire that all may rightly labour to attain.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid,

WILLIAM ROTCH, JUN. *Clerk.*

10th. We endeavour to deal regularly with offenders, and to place judgment where it appears necessary, according to Discipline.

We appoint our friends, John Russell Davis, John Bailey, Rob^t Brayton, Joseph Tripp, Resolved Howland, Samuel Rodman Jr. and Phillip Dunham to attend the Yearly Meeting, as our Representatives

Signed on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 4m^o 2 1818.
Abm^m Shearman, Jr Clerk

The business bro^t before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 7th m^o next at Nantucket.

4th Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket, 2^d of 7m^o 1818.

Accounts being received from the several M^o Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are — from —
Sandwich, Seth Killey, Daniel Powerman,
Pembroke, Benjamin Percival, Edward P^r Little,
Nantucket, Hers. Swain, John Folger, Gilbert Coffin,
Dartmouth, Isaac Lawrence, Eben^t Allen, Howard Potter,
Westport, Peter Devol, John Peckham, In^o W. Lifford.
New Bedford, Peter Quincy, Thum^t Hathaway, Cor^s Hobbs,
Nantucket A. D. Matthew Parker, Edmund Gardner
who are all present, except one.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended.

We are informed by a Minute of our last Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of Stock is \$232 dollars.

It is proposed to raise two hundred and thirty dollars, for the service of the ensuing year, which our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer, in the same proportions as last year.
Adjourned to the 11th Nov^r this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

The Queries were read, with Answers from the Serial Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

We unite, after weighty consideration, with Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the N. District, in the appointment of Eunice Mitchell to the station of an elder, the Women having concurred therein?

An Epistolary Communication from our last Yearly Meeting, and Extracts from the Minutes of the Same, [of which the following is a copy,] — were read in this, and directed to be forwarded to our several W^o Meetings:

"Extract from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for New-England, held on Rhode Island, in the 6^m: 1818.

"It appearing by accounts from several of our Meetings, that there are some of our members, who by a late Law of the United States are authorised (as persons in necessitous circumstances) to receive pensions from the Government, for military services performed by them in the revolutionary War, before they made profession with us. The cases of such, wherever they may be, have in a feeling manner claimed our serious and weighty attention; and it is our united sense and judgment, that it will not be consistent with that faithful testimony for the Truth, against war, which all the members of our religious Society are required to bear, for any such to avail themselves of those pensions.

"It is therefore advised, and earnestly recommended, to all our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, where any cases of this kind may occur, seasonably to extend their brotherly care and attention to all such Friends, and in a spirit of sympathy and tenderness, endeavour to strengthen and impress their minds with a suitable sense of the necessity of a cheerful and willing sacrifice of the property thus tendered to them, as well for their own peace, as the support of our Christian testimony against the unrighteous and cruel practice of War.

"At the same time, Friends are recommended to bear in mind our anciently established practice, so reputable to our Society, of contributing to the comfortable support of the necessitous. And where the outward circumstances of any of those alluded to may require assistance it is advised that a liberal hand of kindness be extended to them, offering them all that relief and comfort which their several conditions may need.

By direction of the Meeting aforesaid, W. Notch, J. C. H.

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We have had very acceptably at this time, the company and services of our esteemed Friends Isaac T. Hopkins, of Baltimore, and Henry Post, of Hudson, who produced satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, of unity with their ministry and prospects. The company of our friends, Izak Proctor, of Baltimore, Elna Parker of Hudson, and Charles Marriott, of the same place, has also been acceptable to us.

The Certificates of our esteemed Friends Elizabeth Coggeshall, of New-York, and Mrs Keen, of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, were likewise satisfactorily read, and their company and services acceptable — as was also the company of our friend Margaret Marriott, of Hudson, Companion to Elizabeth Coggeshall.

And the Clerk is directed to furnish them with minutes, embracing the substance of this as it relates to each respectively, signed on behalf of the Meeting.

The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich.

On behalf of the Meeting

Abm. Shearman, Jr. Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich,
1st of 10m^o 1818.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are, from Sandwich, Seth Kelley, Daniel Swift — Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Smith Brown — Nantucket, Cyrus Shessey, Bruce Gardner — Dartmouth, Giles Smith, Abm. Russell, John Lawrence — Westport, Philip Tapp, Daniel Wilbur, Nathaniel Kirby Junr — New Bedford, Elisha Thornton, Edw. Wing, Nicholas Davis — Nantucket N. District, Lebrn Gardner, Charles J. Hubbs, who are present, except three.

Sandwich

Sandwich M^c Meeting informs that its proportion of Stock is directed to be paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries have been read, with answers from the several M^c Meetings, to the 1st 2^d & 10th.

The business bro't before this meeting, being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 12^m next at New-Pedford.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Pedford, 12^m. 3. 1818.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are from Sandwich, Prince Lifford, R. Hudson, Wing, Pembroke Joshua Wilder, Daniel Otis, Nantucket, William Mitchell, Gilbert Coffin, Dartmouth Collins Smith, John Lawrence, Benj. A. Tucker, Westport, John Potter, Paulson Kirby, Sam. E. Leach, N. Pedford, Job Olin, Humphry Holthaway, Humphry Davis, Nantucket N. District, Giles E. Taunton, ^{Pharmabas Taber} Charles A. Stubbbs, who are all present.

The Queries were read with answers from the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2^d & 10th.

Pembroke, Nantucket, Dartmouth, Westport, and New Pedford M^c Meetings have directed their proportions of Stock paid to our Treasurer.

Our esteemed Friends Avis Keene, and Mary Pally attended this Meeting, with copies of minutes from their respective M^c Meetings expressive of unity with their ministry and prospects. Their company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us. We have also had, acceptably, the company of our friends Moses Farnum and Rachel Earl, who presented minutes of submission of the unity of their Friends in their prospect of accompanying Avis Keene on her present religious visit. And the Clerk is directed to furnish them with minutes embracing the substance of this.

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We unite with Sandwich M^o. Meeting in the appointment of Grace Davis to the station of an Elder, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Rotch, to the same station. — the Women having concurred therein.

The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 1st mo next, at this place.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 4th mo. 1, 1819.
Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are from Sandwich, Abel Akin, W^m. Gifford, Pembroke, Joshua Wilder, Stephen Rodgers, Nantucket, Benjⁿ. Garoner, Libbert Coffin, Edw. Mitchell, Dartmouth, Eben^r. Allen, Joseph Gifford, Benjⁿ. Tucker, Westport, Philip Snipp, John A. Gifford, Prince Wing, N. Bedford, Humph^y. Hathaway, Weston Howland, Humphrey Davis, Sam^l. Rodman, Nantucket N. District, Mark Coffin, Edw^d. Gale.

Who are all present except one, whose attendance we are informed is prevented by indisposition.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed. being expired, Abraham Therman, Jr. is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assist^t. for the year ensuing.

We are informed by Nantucket M^o. Meeting for the Northern District, that its proportion of a Lock is paid to our Treasurers.

We have united, after deliberate consideration, with Dartm^o. M^o. Meeting in approving the publick appearances in the ministry of Isaac Lawrence, and with Nantucket M^o. Meeting for the N. District in the appointment of Mark Coffin to the station of an

Elder - the Women having united therein; and Gilbert Coffin is desired to give this information to the Select Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting (embracing the further business of this meeting) is approved:

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhoda Island, for New England.

"Dear Friends,

We received an Epistolary Communication from your last Meeting, with Extracts from the Minutes of the same, which was read in this, and forwarded to our several M^o Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united, with Dartm^o M^o Meeting in approving the publick appearance, in the Ministry of Isaac Lawrence; with Nantucket M^o Meeting for the N^o District, in the appointment of Mark Coffin and Eunice Mitchell to the station of Elders; with Sandwich M^o Meeting in the appointment of Grace Davis, and with New-Deaford in the appointment of Mary Rotch, to the same station.

The Queries were read in this Meeting with answers from the several M^o Meetings; from which the annexed Summary was compiled, and directed to be forwarded to your Meeting, viz:

1. Our meetings for worship and discipline are generally attended by most Friends, and the hour observed. Some deficiency is noticed in the attendance of midweek meetings and those for discipline. Some instances of sleeping: of other unbecoming behaviour generally clear. Care has been extended in some of the above deficiencies.

2. Love and unity appear to be gene-

crally maintained and detraction guarded against. In instance of deficiency in these respects, some care has been taken. Where differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

3. Care rests on the minds of some Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupting conversation; whilst others are not sufficiently concerned in these important duties. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

4. The unnecessary use of spirituous liquors and frequenting places of public resort, appear, with few exceptions, to be guarded against. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions mentioned.

5. Care is taken in the several parts of this query.

6. Some instances of want of care in these respects, of which some notice has been taken, as expressed in the answers from the Monthly Meetings.

7. Clear in these respects, except instances in two meetings of deviation in military matters, in which care has been bestowed.

8. Friends are generally careful as respects this query, yet exceptions appear in a few instances in regard to inspection, settlement of accounts, and payment of debts.

9. Marriage certificates are all recorded. Some deficiency in the record of births and deaths. Some removals without certificates.

10. Care is taken to deal regularly with offenders, and endeavours are used, where it appears necessary, to place judgment according to discipline.

We appoint our Friends Abiel Nien, Samuel Redman, George Mitchell Eben^r. Allen, Isaac Lawrence, and Joseph Tripp, to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 4th mo. 1, 1819.

Abm Shearman, Jr. Clerk.

The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded we propose to meet again in the 7th mo. next, at Nantucket.

Abm. Shearman & Co.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at
Nantucket, June 1, 1819.

By accounts rec'd from the several Mt^s. Meetings the Representatives, are:

from Sandwich, Daniel Powerman, Prince Lifford, &c.
" Dombroke, John Pailey, Smith Brown,
" Nantucket, Matt^y Farney, Rev. Barnard, R. Coffin,
" Dartm^t, Abm. Russell, Asa Howland, George Smith,
" Westport, Isaac Macomber, Nath^l Kirby, Sam Hewitt,
" N. Bedford, Sam Rodman, Thad^d. Lavin, Job Otis,
" Nantucket, M^r. Edm^d. Gale, Matt^y Barker,
who are all present.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, report that they attended.

By a minute from the Yearly Meeting we are informed that our proportion of Stock is 232 dollars, which our Treasurer is requested to pay to theirs when the State of the Treasury admits.

It being proposed to raise \$240. for the use of this Meeting, our several Mt^s. Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer their usual proportions of that sum, except Nantucket, which is requested to forward 20, and Nantucket N. District, 15 per cent.

An extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, respecting the State of the School Fund being read, is directed to be forwarded agreeably to its tenor to our several Mt^s. Meetings.

The Quories were read, with answers from all the Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

Our esteemed Friend John Pailey opened in this Meeting, a concern that has for some time rested on his mind of making a religious visit to

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Friends and others in some parts of New York Yearly Meeting, and particularly some of the north city Quarterly Meetings; and produced a certificate of concurrence from Pembroke M^o. Meeting which being solidly considered, is united with, and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect, as way may open in the truth. — And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.
Afternoon, met by adjournment.

The London General Epistle of last year was read at this sitting.

Our beloved friend William Hickman, of Great Britain, attended this Meeting, in which his company and services have been acceptable to us.

The Company and services of our friends James Harass, of the State of New York, Margaret Judge of Maryland, Elizabeth H. Walker, of New York, and Mary Newhall, of Lynn, in this State, have been acceptable to us — as also the company of our friends Whitson Canby, Jacob Conklin, Mary Brooke, and Sarah Sutton; and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with transcripts of this minute, as relates to each, signed on our behalf.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we propose to meet again in the 10th next, at Sandwich.

On behalf of the Meeting
Abner Shearman, Sec^y Clerk

St. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich, 2nd of 10th 1850.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are from Sandwich, Edw^d Gifford, Wm Gifford — Pembroke, Geo Little, Sam^l Brown — Nantuxet, Pelag Macey.

Seth Mitchell. — Dartmouth, Wm Gifford,
Abner Potter, Eben^r Allen — Westport, Isaac
Peckham, E. W. Gifford, David Macomber —
New Bedford, Cornelius Howland, Wick^d Hathaway,
Nicholas Davis — Nantucket N. List, Seth Swift,
Matthew Parker, who are all present.

The Queries were read, with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10.

Nantucket M^o. Meeting for the South-
ern District has directed its proportion of Stock
paid to our Treasurer —

The company and services of our
friend Ruth Spencer, of the State of New-
York have been acceptable to us at this time.
— So also the company of our friend Nathan
Spencer her husband, and companion in her present
religious visit.

We concur with Sandwich M^o. Meeting
in the appointment of Elizabeth Swift, wife of
Brownell Swift, to the station of an Elder,
the Women having united therewith.

The business bro't before this Meeting
being concluded, we propose to meet again in
the 12th M^o. next at New Bedford.
A. Sherman, Secy. Ch. Clk.

A Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Bedford 12m^o 2^d 1819

Accounts being received from the several Monthly
Meetings, the Representatives therein named are, from
Sandwich, Joseph Wing Jun^r, Sideon Wing — Pembroke
Edward P. Little, Sam^l Otis — Nantucket, John S. Coffin
Benj^m Gardner — Dartmouth, Ebenezer Allen, John
Handy, John Gifford, Benj^m Tucker — Westport,
John Potter, Philip Tripp, John A. Gifford — New Bedford
Sam^l Rodman, Sam^l Taber, Thomas Nye — Nantucket
N. List, Sam^l Loring, Leas Gardner, who are all
present.

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The Monthly Meetings of Sandwich, Nantucket, Westport, and New Bedford, inform that they have paid, or directed their proportions of Stock paid to our Treasurer. —

The Queries have been read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2^d & 4th. —

We are informed by a minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, that a case has for some time occupied the attention and concern of that Meeting, which they have been unable to bring to a satisfactory close — and request the attention of this meeting, (thence) — whereupon we appoint Cornelius Howland, Sam^l Rodman, Joseph Billingham, Lenas Gardner, Russell Davis & Abraham Phedman, that to confer with the Committee appointed by that Meeting, and render such other assistance in the case as way may open for and report at our next meeting. —

Our esteemed friend Warren Gifford having, weightily opened in this meeting a concern that has at some time rested on his mind to make a religious visit to some of the meetings of Friends in Pennsylvania and to some other meetings, as expressed in a certificate of concurrence from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting; after deliberate consideration of the subject, unity was expressed thereunto, and he left at Liberty to pursue his visit as way may open in the future. — and the Clerk is directed to indorse the substance of this minute, and sign it on our behalf. —

Our esteemed friend Ruth Spencer having acceptably attended our last Quarterly meeting and being again present with us in this, in which her company and services have also been acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Women's meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

The company of our friend Nathan Spencer, her husband and companion in her recent religious visit has also been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish

him with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again in the 4th mo. next at this place.

Abm Shearman, Secy.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at N. Bedford,
4mo 6. 1820. —

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are, from Sandwich, Abel Akin, Maliah Gifford, Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Edw. P. Little, Nantucket, Herckiah Samard, William Mitchell, Dartmouth, Seth Davis, Eben. Allen, Abm Russell, Westport, Samuel Chad, Isaac Macomber, John Potter, N. Bedford, Peter Barney, Nathan Davis, Eliza Horton, Nantucket, A. D. Matthew Parker, Smith Upton, who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed being expired, Abraham Shearman, Junr. is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assistant-Clerk for the year ensuing.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting informs, that its proportion of stock is directed to be paid to our Treasurers.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, on the case referred for consideration from Dartmouth At. Meeting, report that they have attended to their appointment, and given such advice therein, as they thought adapted to the circumstances of the case.

The London General Epistle of last year was read in this Meeting to our satisfaction.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting embracing the further business of this Meeting, is approved,

viz. To the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on Rhode-Island, for New-England.

Dear Friends,

We received extracts from the Minutes of your last Meeting, which were forwarded to our several

Monthly Meetings. ----- Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with Sandwich At^o. Meeting, in the appointment of Elizabeth Swift, wife of Rowell Swift, to the station of an Elder.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which the annexed Summary was compiled and directed to be forwarded to your Meeting:

1st. Our Meetings are duly held, and attended by most of our Members, a few are deficient, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings; the hour is nearly observed. Generally clear of unbecoming behaviour, except a few instances of sleeping. In cases of deficiency some labour has been bestowed.

2^d. We believe Friends are generally careful to maintain love and unity. Detraction is mostly guarded against. Where differences arise, care is taken to end them.

3^d. Some Friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness; and to observe the restraints of this Query; and are themselves exemplary. — While others are deficient herein. The Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Most Friends are careful in these respects, yet not without a few exceptions in the use of spirituous liquors, and the frequenting of places of public resort.

5th. Mostly clear in the several parts of this Query.

6th. Many Friends are concerned that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, while some are not sufficiently careful in this respect.

7th. Mostly clear.

8th. We are not so careful in the inspection and settlement of accounts as would be best; but generally, punctual in the performance of promises, &c.

9th. Our marriage Certificates are all recorded; some deficiency in the record of births and deaths; some removals without Certificates, which are under notice.

10th. We believe care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, and to place judgment according to discipline.

We appoint our Friends Abel Akin, Seth Davis, Samuel Macey, Benjamin Percival, Samuel Rodman, to attend the ensuing ^{next} early Meeting, as our Representatives.

Signed on behalf and by direction of,
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at N. Bedford
16th of 4th Month, 1820.

Abm Shearman, Junr. Clerk

The business brot before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 7th M^o next at Nantucket.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket,
6th of 7th M^o 1820.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, and from Sandwich, Prince Gifford, Stephen Holway, Pembroke, Calvin Shepherd, Nantucket, Matthew Barney, Perry Sanders, John Folger, Dartmouth, Abm Russell, Eben Allen, Humphy Anthony, Westport, En W. Gifford, Isaac Lockham, John Macomber, New Bedford, David Miller, Edw Wing, Thosd. Swain, Nantucket N. D. Paul Hussey, Smith Upton, who are all present but one.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, that they all attended except one, whose non-attendance was occasioned by sickness in his family.

We are informed by a minute of the Yearly Meeting that our proportion of stock, is two hundred and seventy dollars $\frac{67}{100}$, which our Treas^r is requested to pay to the Treasurers of that meeting when in funds.

It is concluded to raise three hundred dollars for the use of this meeting for the year ensuing, and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurers, their proportions, of that sum as agreed upon last year.

Adjourns to the 14th Novr this afternoon.

Afternoon - Met by adjournment

The Queries were read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

An extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting relative to the Boarding School at Providence, was read, and directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Friends of a New Bedford M^o Meeting, having informed us that they have it in contemplation either to enlarge the present Meeting House at New Bedford, or to build a new one; they are, after consideration of the subject, left at liberty to act therein as they may judge best.

We have had acceptably at this time, the company and services of our Friends Daniel Haviland and Caleb M^cComber, of the State of New York, and Charles Osborne, of Indiana. — Silas Downing, Isaac Colvin, and James Pegg, companions to the aforesaid Friends, have also been acceptably with us. —

Our Friend Esther M^cComber, wife of Caleb M^cComber has likewise acceptably attended this Meeting. —

And the Clerk is requested to furnish them with minutes embracing the substance of this.

The business bro't before this Meeting, being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th Month next, at Sandwich?

Wm. Freeman Jun^r. Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich,
5th of 10 mo. 1820.

Accounts being received from the several Quarterly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are —
From Sandwich, Samuel Wing, William Gifford;

Pembroke, Stephen Rodgers, Benjamin Percival,
Nantucket, Prince Gardner, Cromwell Cairns.
Dartmouth, Osmon Wood, Abraham Russell D.
Westport, Isaac Peckham, Wm. Gifford, Jno. Potter.
N. Bedford, Corn. S. Howland, Mr. Davis, and Wm. Wing,
Nantucket N. D. Seth Swift, Smith Upson—
who are all present, but two.

Sandwich and New Bedford M^o. Meetings inform
that they have directed their proportions of Stock
paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read, with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d and 10th

Our friends Clark Stevens, and his
Companion Charles Baker, of Harknessboro M^o. Meeting,
and our friend Hannah Evans of R. Island
M^o. Meeting, have been acceptably with us at
this time; and the Clerk is directed to furnish
them with copies of this minute.

The business bro't before this Meeting
being concluded, we propose to meet again in the
12th Mo, next, at New Bedford.

St. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Bedford, Nov 7. 1820.

Accounts being received from all the Monthly Meetings
the Representatives therein named, are from

Sandwich, Seth Kelley, Wm. Gifford,
Pembroke, Smith Brown, Joshua Wilder,
Nantucket, Obed Marshall, Samuel Macey,
Dartm^o. Collins Smith, Abner Potter, Geo. Smith,
Westport, Daniel Wilbur, Sam. C. Hewitt, Eben. Baker,
N. Bedford, Sam. Baker, Nicholas Davis D. Weston Howland,
Nantucket N. District, Charles Pitman, Texas Gardner.
who are all present.

The Queries were read, with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d and
10th

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 11th to the 15th inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1832.

To our several Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings.

DEAR FRIENDS,

The reading of the answers to the Queries, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, has introduced our minds into a deep felt exercise in beholding the many and various departures from our profession, therein brought to view. And in particular we have lamented, the sorrowful want of faithfulness in the attendance of our religious Meetings.—When we consider the duty of assembling ourselves together for public worship to Almighty God, in the light of a public acknowledgment of our belief in Him, and in the gracious revelation of his will through his dear Son, our Lord, what vital importance does the performance of this duty assume. In a feeling of Gospel love, and of our responsibility to Him who hath called us to be a people, and in some measure, as we humbly trust, qualified us through his mercy to labor for his cause, let us revive for the serious and solemn consideration of our brethren in religious profession, that awakening language of our blessed Lord, when in that prepared body : “Also I say unto you, whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man confess before the angels of God : but he that denieth me before men, shall be denied before the angels of God.” We are confirmed in the belief, that as the love of the things of time and the fleeting enjoyments of this world, shall be lessened among us, as, the love of God shall take its place in our hearts, we shall be more concerned faithfully to perform this important duty and in regularly assembling with our brethren, for public worship, and reverently waiting before Him, we shall graciously experience our strength in Him to be renewed, whereby we shall be enabled to withstand the assaults of temptation, and our souls be refreshed with his life giving presence. Let us then, we tenderly exhort, be more and more alive to the great importance of this solemn and interesting duty.

And as the love of God increases and abounds among us, love one unto another will also prevail. Bound together by the sacred ties of Gospel fellowship, our brethren will become exceedingly near to our best feelings, and that heavenly charity which suffereth long and is kind, will become more and more our covering. And O, that Friends every where were duly impressed with the necessity of preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and avoiding doubtful disputations, and seeking not to be wise above that which is written, humbly to believe in the all-important truths of the ever blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, That God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have everlasting life ; that he came into the world, as testified in the Holy Scriptures ; that he went about doing good, and manifesting his Divine power for the good of men ; that he died for our sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us unto God ; that He rose again for our justification, and ever liveth to make intercession for us ; that he is God over all, blessed forever. These all-important truths, as we humbly seek to be established therein, will indeed cement us together, and enable us through faith, to bear unitedly our testimony to the mercy and goodness of our heavenly Father. Thus will true unity and religious fellowship be experienced.

And being thus established, how exceedingly precious will those testimonies which we are called upon to bear become in our view. For, being measurably redeemed from the love of the world, we shall be concerned to seek the adorning of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price, rather than the vain ornaments of the world, and be preserved in the simplicity which becometh the Gospel of Christ.

The giving way to the temptation so abundantly offered by the press, in the present day, to what may be appropriately termed, *light reading*, we have been induced to believe, has had its influence in producing, in many instances, a deviation from the simplicity of our profession, not only in faith, but practice—indisposing the mind for serious reflection, giving it a disrelish for the perusal of more solid and useful works, and secretly, but gradually, undermining that firm reliance upon superior aid, which can alone sustain the mind, in the hour of trial and temptation, and rightly bear it up amid the many vicissitudes of time.

The practice of a daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, with our hearts turned unto Him, who can alone rightly open them to our understanding, and apply them effectually to the heart, has been feelingly brought before us. And as we reverently believe, that these invaluable writings, according to their own testimony, are able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith, which is in Jesus Christ, how exceedingly important that we neglect not this precious means, which in the mercy of God has been vouchsafed to us for our reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness. And we are confirmed in the belief, that as parents and heads of families are concerned daily to call around them the objects of their care, and with prayerful hearts, for the divine blessing upon their endeavors, to read to them a portion of the sacred volume, allowing a space for silent introversion of soul to God, a great blessing will be experienced. The truths revealed in the Scriptures will become increasingly interesting and precious in our view, and in that of our children and dependents, and the ever blessed cause of truth and righteousness be furthered and promoted. We therefore recommend and tenderly exhort Friends to this practice, and greatly desire their encouragement therein.

And we fervently desire, that all in profession with us, may be renewedly stirred up to more faithfulness and watchfulness in the cause of Christ, remembering that the time is short, and that we are enjoined to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh wherein no man can work.

Signed on behalf of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jr. Clerk.

In this column insert the name of the Meeting for which the answers are intended.	No. of Children of an age suitable for instruction at School.						No. of Children actually at School within the year.						Number of Schools.			Average duration of Schools within the year.			Number of Teachers Members of Society.			Number of Children who attend district or mixed schools.		
	Male.			Female.			Male.			Female.			Preparative Meeting Schools.	Monthly Meeting Schools.	Family Schools.	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14	Male.	Female.	under 14	over 14	
	under 14	over 14	under 14	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14	under 14												over 14
Sanwich	35	27	32	25	35	22	22	16	1	-	2	3 1/3 months	1	2	32	18	28	14						
Wembroke	10	5	12	5	10	5	12	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	9	4	7	5						
Nantuxet	40	51	42	47	30	8	36	13	-	-	-	-	-	x	30	8	36	13						
Dartmouth	15	23	12	14	19	13	13	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	8	12	3						
Westport	7	7	17	8	7	4	16	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	16	6						
New Bedford	34	28	35	36	34	14	28	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	9	27	9						
Total	141	141	150	135	135	66	137	61	1	-	2	3 1/3 months	4	3	129	51	126	50						

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island,
Sixth Month, 1834.

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

During the consideration of the Report, a deep feeling of interest for the best welfare of the Institution was spread over the Meeting ; and while the benefits that have already resulted from it, to the children and youth of the Society, were freely acknowledged, an earnest solicitude was expressed, that the Committee, in the discharge of the important and arduous trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, may be encouraged steadily to keep in view the great objects which led to the establishment of the School, as a means for promoting the acquisition of useful learning, in connexion with the moral and religious improvement of the Children, consistently with the principles and testimonies which we as a Society believe ourselves called upon to maintain.

The recommendation of the Committee relative to plainness and simplicity of attire, was cordially united with; the Committees of Monthly Meetings were encouraged to extend an increasing care in this respect; and Parents and others having the charge of Children, were impressively exhorted to lend their assistance in promoting this desirable object.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JR. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT, That they have endeavoured to discharge the services confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution ; which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction.

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty-eight ; seventeen of whom have been pupils in the department of the School for instruction in Languages, &c. The School is continued under the immediate superintendence of ENOCH and LYDIA BREED, in which capacity they are assisted by STEPHEN and HANNAH GOULD. JOHN GRISCOM is still usefully employed to superintend the literary department of the Institution. MOSES A. CARTLAND, PLINY EARL and JONATHAN SLOCUM are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School ; and DEBORAH RAMSDELL, MARY H. GRISCOM, CAROLINE CARTLAND, MARTHA BARKER and ANNA T. LOCKWOOD in the Girls'. JAMUEL J. GUMMERE is continued in charge of the department for Languages, &c.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled ; and the Committee propose that the terms of admission be continued the same as last year ; and that the privilege of sending one child, six months, *free of expense*, be continued to Monthly Meetings. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of *each* quarter be paid in *advance*.

The Committee believe it proper again to recommend to Friends, in sending their Children to the School, to observe, as much as may be, the periods of time proposed two years since, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months.

The importance of maintaining plainness of dress in the inmates of this Institution, has often claimed the serious attention of the Committee ; and we think it right at this time to revive with Friends the necessity of having their children habited in plain attire, and that no articles of apparel, unsuitable through want of plainness, be brought by them to the School. And that the Committees of Monthly Meetings may be enabled to render the necessary advice and assistance, Friends are requested to be careful to make application to them for certificates, in sufficient season to afford them this opportunity.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge, that the family and scholars have been preserved in health ; and that the Institution continues to afford encouraging evidence of its usefulness to the youth of our Society.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee, at a Meeting held 2d of 5th month, 1834,

WILLIAM JENKINS, *Clerk.*

Quarterly
Meeting

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island,
in the 6th month, 1828.

The following Minutes, adopted with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings:

THIS Meeting having been introduced into a weighty consideration of the relation in which we stand towards Friends of some of the other Yearly Meetings on this continent, in which difficulties have lamentably prevailed, till separation has been the result; we have deemed it our indispensable duty to meet the exigencies of the occasion, by manifesting our unity with those Meetings which have continued steadfast in their adherence to the ancient order, discipline and faith of the Society, and our disunity with those who have receded therefrom; and it is therefore our conclusion, that no removal or other certificates be received from, or transmitted to, such Meetings as are known to have receded from the ancient foundation of the Society. And Friends are cautioned against opening our Meeting-Houses to any who have identified themselves with the bodies thus receding; and all our Members are advised not to attend meetings that may be held or appointed by such.

The annexed extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 21st to the 28th of the 4th month last, shew what Meetings within its limits, are in unity with that Yearly Meeting.

Till some more certain information shall be received of the situation of the various Meetings within the compass of the Yearly Meeting of New-York, and other Yearly Meetings in which division, or a departure from those principles and practices which once united us together as one people, is unhappily manifesting itself, we recommend to all our subordinate Meetings, the exercise of a sound discretion in the premises. And should cases occur, in which any of our Meetings find it difficult to decide, they are requested to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its advice; and said Meeting is desired to give its attention to the subject, and render all the assistance herein, from time to time, that it may be qualified to afford.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. *Clerk.*

Extract from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia, by adjournments, from the 21st to the 28th, inclusive, of the 4th month, 1828—accompanying their Epistle of that date.

ON considering the difficulty and embarrasment in which Meetings may be involved, for want of knowing whether certificates which may be produced to them are issued by Meetings in unity with us, several Friends are appointed in each of our Quarterly Meetings as correspondents, one or more of whom are to sign (in addition to the usual mode of signing,) all certificates of removal, and all other certificates or minutes given forth for Friends; and it is requested, in order that certificates may duly reach the Meetings to which they are directed, that they be addressed or sent to one of those Friends.—The names of the correspondents, with their respective places of residence, are subjoined.

PHILADELPHIA QUARTER—	Joseph Whitaker, <i>Muncy.</i> John Lee, <i>Exeter.</i> John Paul, } <i>Philadelphia.</i> Isaac W. Morris, }
ABINGTON QUARTER—	Charles Shoemaker, <i>Abington.</i> Jesse Spencer, <i>Gwynnedd.</i> James Bell, <i>Stroudsburg.</i>
BUCKS QUARTER—	Joseph Satterthwaite, <i>Falls Township,</i> } <i>Bucks Co. Pennsylvania.</i> Benjamin Wiggins, <i>Wrights Town,</i> } John W. Balderson, <i>Solebury,</i> }
CONCORD QUARTER—	Joseph Rhoads, <i>Marple township,</i> } <i>Delaware County, Pennsylvania.</i> Nathan Sharpless, <i>Concord,</i> } John Forsythe, <i>West Goshen,</i> <i>Chester County, Pennsylvania.</i>
CALN QUARTER—	Robert Moore, <i>Sadsbury,</i> } <i>Chester Co. Pennsylvania.</i> Thomas Jackson, <i>Robeson,</i> } George G. Ashbridge, <i>Downingtown,</i> }
WESTERN QUARTER—	William Bailey, <i>London Grove,</i> } <i>Chester Co. Penn.</i> Edward B. Temple, <i>Parkersville Post Office,</i> } Thomas Lambourn, <i>New Garden,</i> }
BURLINGTON QUARTER—	William Allison, <i>Burlington City,</i> } <i>New-Jersey.</i> William Newbold, <i>Upper Springfield,</i> } Samuel Bunting, <i>Crosswicks, Burlington Co.</i> }
HADDONFIELD QUARTER—	Daniel Parker, <i>Tuckerton,</i> } <i>New-Jersey.</i> Barzillai Leeds, <i>Great Egg Harbour,</i> } John Gill, <i>Haddonfield,</i> } Joseph Matlack, <i>Moorestown,</i> }
SALEM QUARTER—	Joshua Stokes, <i>Upper Evesham,</i> } <i>New-Jersey.</i> Samuel Webster, <i>Woodbury,</i> } Caspar Wistar, <i>Salem,</i> } George Bacon, <i>Greenwich,</i> }
SHREWSBURY & RAHWAY QUARTER.	Benjamin Parker, <i>Shrewsbury,</i> } <i>New-Jersey.</i> Jacob Parker, <i>Rahway,</i> } Nathan Vail, <i>Plainfield,</i> }

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island,
in the 6th month, 1828.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee having been read and considered, is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings, for their information.

From the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT, That they have given their attention to the concerns of the Institution, during the past year, and feel encouraged to believe that the expectations of Friends, in regard to its usefulness to the children and youth of the Society, will be realized.

The School is continued under the charge of ENOCH and LYDIA BREED, as Superintendents; ISAIAH JONES, GEORGE JONES, MOSES MITCHELL, ABIGAIL PEIRCE, MARY ALMY, and LYDIA B. ALLEN, as Teachers. The average number of Scholars for the year past has been one hundred and twenty-one; and their general conduct and improvement have been satisfactory to the Committee. Meetings for worship have been regularly held, and occasionally attended by some of the Committee. The family has been preserved in a good degree of harmony.

The account of the Treasurer of the School Fund has been received and audited; and the state of the Fund is such, that the Committee think it safe to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting be admitted after the 1st of 7th month next, at twelve and a half dollars per quarter, and that the several Monthly Meetings have the privilege of sending one child through the year, or two children six months each, free of expense; and that should any surplus remain, that the Committee may consider it safe to appropriate, that it may be at their disposal in aid of the charitable funds of this Institution.

The Committee feel it to be their duty again to recommend to the attention of Parents and others having the care of children, and to the Committees of Monthly Meetings, their previous advices on the interesting subject of Plainness, and particularly the Minutes accompanying their Report in 1825, which were printed and distributed by direction of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

MOSES BROWN.

ELIZABETH CONGDON.

Providence, 5 mo. 2d, 1828.

Sandwich Islets

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Pembroke and Westport Monthly Meetings inform, that they have directed their proportions of Stock paid to our Treasures.

The London printed Epistle of the present year was read in this Meeting.

We unite with Sandwich M^o. Meeting in the appointment of Mary Atkin to the station of an Elder, the Union having united themselves. The said Union is named to inform the Select Meeting hereof.

Our friend Hannah L. has attended this Meeting, with a copy of a minute from Falmouth M^o. Meeting. She has been acceptably with us.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 14th month next, at New Bedford.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
4 m^o 5, 1821.

By accounts rec^d from all the Monthly Meetings, except Nantucket, their representatives to this Meeting, are from Sandwich, Mallick Sifford, Russell Davis, Pembroke, Daniel Otis John Quincy, Jun^r. Dartmouth, Ab^m. Russell, Ben^j.^{sr} Tucker, Eben^e. Allen. Westport, Philip Tripp, In^o. Maconber, John W. Sifford. New Bedford, Peter Parney, Reuben Russell, Ab^m. Davis, Nantucket N. D. Mark Coffin, Peam^o. Swain who are all present but two.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed being expired, Abraham Shearman, Jun^r is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assistant Cl^k for the year ensuing. —

We are informed that Dartm^o M^o. Meeting has directed its proportion of Stock paid to our Treasures.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting embracing the further business of this Meeting, is approved: viz.

to the Yearly Meeting of Friends next to be held on
Rhode Island for New-England

Dear Friends,

Extracts from the minutes of your last Meeting were read in this and forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Our proportion of Rocks has been paid to your Treasurer.

We have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Akin to the Station of an Elder. —

The Queries have been read with answers from all our Monthly Meetings except that of Nantucket, from which the following summary was compiled and directed to be forwarded to your Meeting.

1st All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been duly held and generally attended by most Friends; yet some are too neglectful, particularly in the attendance of midweek meetings. The hour is nearly observed. — Mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour, except a few instances of sleeping. —

2^d Love and unity are generally maintained and detraction guarded against, tho' not so fully as we believe a more faithful attention to the principle of truth would dictate. Endeavours are used to end differences when they occur.

3 Some Friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness and to restrain them from reading pernicious Books and from corrupting conversation; while others are too remiss herein, and some are deficient in example. The Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends' families.

4 Friends are generally careful, as respects the several parts of this query. A few instances of deviation in the improper use of spirituous liquors are under notice. —

5 Clear as far as appears.

6 Friends are generally careful in respect to marriages, yet in some cases not so much so as would be best. Some instances of deviation are under notice.

- 7 We know not but clear - except one instance of avoiding the payment of duties which is under notice.
- 8 Generally careful. Tho' more attention to the inspection of affairs and timely settlement of accounts would be best.
- 9 Care is generally taken of our Records - yet some deficiency is noticed in the record of, births and deaths. A few removals without certificate are under notice.
10. We endeavour to deal regularly with offenders, and to place judgment according to discipline.

We appoint our friends Daniel Soucman, Andrew Robison, Samabas Taber, Joseph Davis, Joseph Supp, Ebenezer Allen and James Tucker to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting, as our Representatives.

Signed on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting
of Sandwich, held at New Bedford
5th of 4th M^o. 1821.

Ab^m Shearman & Clerk

The business brought before us at this time being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 1st M^o. next at Nantucket.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket
5 of 7th M^o. 1821.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting, are, from
Sandwich, Abiel Akin, Joseph Dillingham
Pembroke, Benjamin Arival, James Keen,
Nantucket, Sth Mitchell, Prince Gardner, W^m Sth Coffin,
Dartmouth, Lelly Gifford, Abraham Russell, George Allen,
Westport, John Potter, Closter Lifford, Timothy Eldridge,
New Bedford, Cornelius Howland, William James, Abm Davis,
Nantucket N. D. - Paul Hussey, Samuel Mitchell,
who are all present.

Adjourned to the 3rd hour this afternoon!

Afternoon. Met by adjournment.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

The advice of this Meeting being requested by the M.^c Meeting of Dartmouth, in regard to a case now before them, we appoint, William James, Samuel Wing, Cornelius Howland, Robert Prayton, John Potter, and Abraham Shearman, Jun.^r to render such assistance to that Meeting, in the case referred to, as way may open for, and report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

We unite, after deliberate consideration, with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Seth Killey to the station of an Elder, and with Nantucket M.^c Meeting for the Northern District, in the appointment of Jonathan Swain, to the same station — with which the Women concur — and Abiel Akin is named to inform the Select Meeting hereof.

An extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, relative to the Boarding School at Providence was read, and directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

We are informed by a minute of the Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of Stock is \$270.67 — which our Treasurer is requested to pay, when the state of the Treasury admits.

It is concluded to raise three hundred Dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which our several M.^c Meetings are requested to forward to our Treas.^r in the usual proportions.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, that they all attended except James Cucker, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Company and religious services of our esteemed friend Stephen Grellet have been truly acceptable to us in this Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

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The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the tenth Month next at Sandwich.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich,
10th M^o 11. 1831.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named, are,
from Sandwich, Samuel Wing, Seth Killey,
Dembroke, Calvin Shepherd, Benjamin Percival,
Nantucket, Kimbal Starbuck, Benjamin Gaudet,
Portsmouth, Eph^m Gifford, Gilbert Howland, Peter Therman,
Westport, John W. Gifford, Samuel Newitt, Clothe Gifford,
New Bedford, Samuel Rodman, Cornelius Howland,
Nantucket N. D. Obed Fitch, William Watson,
who are all present.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings to the first, second & tenth.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting in consequence of an application from Portsmouth Monthly Meeting, report that they attended to their appointment, and gave such advice in the case as they thought best adapted to the circumstances of it.

We unite with the Women's Meeting, in approving, in concurrence with Nantucket M^o Meeting, the publick appearances in the Ministry of Judith Jones, Jr. — and Abisha Parker is requested to inform the Select Meeting hereof.

Sandwich and Nantucket M^o Meetings inform, that they have directed their proportions of stock paid to our Treasurer.

The London General Epistle of the present year has been read in this Meeting to our satisfaction.

The business bro't before us at this time being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 12th Month next, at New Bedford.

Abm Therman, Jr. Clk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held
at New Bedford, 6th of 12 m^o 1821.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, except those held on Nantucket, the Representatives therein named, are,

from Sandwich, Prince Gifford, Jun^r Sid^d Wing
Pembroke, Daniel Otis, Esq^r P. Little,
Dartmouth, Seth Davis, Caleb Head, James Tucker,
Westport, Philip Chapp, Samuel Head, Daniel Wilbur,
New Bedford, And^w Robeson, David Fuller, Francis Taber,
who are all present.

The Queries were read, with Answers to the
1st, 2^d and 10th, from all the M^o Meetings from
which accounts were received.

Pembroke and Westport M^o Meetings
inform, that they have directed their proportions of
Stock paid to our Treasurers.

Leonard Gifford having appealed from
the judgment of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting de-
nying unity with him, and that Monthly Meeting
having appointed a Committee to represent the case
before this Meeting, we appoint Obadiah Davis,
Francis Taber, Prince Gifford, Jun^r, Benj^a Rodman,
Abraham Davis, Samuel Sewell, Abiel Atkin,
Samuel Head, Benj^a Percival, to take said Appeal
into consideration, hear the Appellant and the
Committee of the M^o Meeting; and report their
judgment therein, to our next Q^r Meeting.

Our friends Thomas Jones, of Durham,
and Daniel H. Howland of Greenwich M^o Meetings
have been acceptably with us at this time, as has also
our friend Elisha Little, of Durham, Companion to
the first named Friends.

The business bro't before this Meeting being
concluded, we propose to meet again in the 4th m^o
next at New Bedford.

Abm Shearman, A. Clerk

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The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 4th of Nov^r 1822.

Accounts being received from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this, the Representatives therein named are, ——— From ———

Sandwich, Abiel Akin, Samuel Wing,
Dumbroke, Stephen Rodgers, Calvin Shepherd,
Nantucket, Cromwell Barnard, Geo. Mitchell, Hest Barnard,
Dartmouth, Abraham Russell, Humph^y. Anthony, Caleb Lead,
Westport, John Macomber, Isaac Macomber, Samuel Newitt,
New Bedford, Abraham Davis, Weston Howland, Francis Taber,
Nantucket N.D. Paul Hussey, Matthew Parker,
who are all present. ———

Dartmouth and New Bedford M^o. Meetings inform, that they have directed their proportions of Stock paid to our Treasurer.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed being expired, Abraham Shearman, Jr. is appointed Clerk, and George Mitchell, Assistant Clerk, for the year ensuing.

The Queries were read, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings. — A summary of which is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

We are informed by one of our Monthly Meetings, that it is their judgment that usefulness would arise from the printing of an additional number of our Books of Discipline; which we refer to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

We unite with Nantucket M^o. Meeting, in the appointment of Hesteriah Swain to the station of an Elder; the Women concurring therein. — We also unite with the Women, in concurrence with Nantucket M^o. Meeting for the N^o. District in the appointment of Susannah Gardner to the place of an Elder — And William Kotch, Jr. is requested to give this information to the Select Meetg.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, on the appeal of Leonard Gifford from the judgment of Dartmouth M^o. Meeting, denying unity with him, made the following report:

To our next Quarterly Meeting, to be held at
New Bedford, for Sandwich.

We your Committee appointed on the appeal of
Leonard Gifford, report, That after having
fully heard the Appellant and the Committee from
the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth to represent
that case, We are united in opinion, that under
the present circumstances it will be best to confirm
the judgment of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting.

New Bedford,
12m^o 6, 1821.

Samuel Newitt
Prince Gifford, Jun^r
Abraham Davis,
Obadiah Davis,
Abiel Akin,
Benjamin Percival
Francis Taber
Samuel Stead.

which Report is accepted, and the judgment of
Dartmouth M^o Meeting thereby confirmed.

Asa Howland having appealed from the
judgment of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting de-
nying unity with him, and that Monthly Meeting
having appointed a Committee to represent the
case before this Meeting, we appoint
Daniel S. Pawceman, Peleg Mitchell, Stephen Rodgers,
James Parker, Pawabas Taber, Samuel Newitt,
and Cromwell Parward to take said Appeal
into consideration, hear the Appellant and the
Committee of the Monthly Meeting, and report
their judgment therein, at our next Quarterly
Meeting.

Sandwich M^o Meeting having informed
us, that they consider the proceeds of the old
Meeting-House ¹⁸²⁰ amounting to \$147 $\frac{71}{100}$ at our
disposal, the subject is referred to our next Quar-
terly Meeting, and the Representatives that may
be appointed to attend that Meeting, are requested
to consider and report thereon, at that time.

The following account to the Monthly Meeting is approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk on our behalf, viz. —

To our next Monthly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

An extract from the Minutes of your last Meeting, relative to the Boarding School at Providence, was read in this, and forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurers.

We have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Seth Willey to the station of an Elder; with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in approving the publick appearances in the Ministry of Judith Jones, Junr. and in the appointment of Ezekiah Swain to the station of an Elder; and with Nantucket M^c Meeting for the N^o District in the appointment of Jonathan Swain and Hannah Gardner to the same station.

The Queries have been read, with answers from our several M^c Meetings, from which the annexed Summary was compiled, and directed to be forwarded to your Meeting, viz. —

1. Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are generally attended by most of our Members; yet there are deficiencies, particularly in the attendance of midweek Meetings. The hour is nearly observed. — Some instances of Sleeping. Not wholly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some care is taken in these deficiencies.

2. Most Friends appear to be concerned to preserve love and unity; yet they are not in all instances fully maintained, nor detraction sufficiently guarded against. Care is taken to end differences.

3. We believe a religious care rests on the minds of some Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from read-
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ing pernicious Books, and from corrupting conversation — while others are too little concerned in these respects, and in some a good example is wanting. The Holy Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read in Friends' Families.

4. Friends we believe are generally careful in the use of spirituous liquors. Some cases of deviation are under notice. Frequenting of taverns & places of public resort has not in some instances been sufficiently guarded against; and care has been extended. In the other parts clear as far as appears.

5. Clear as far as appears, except a few instances of placing children out of Society.

6. We believe care rests on the minds of most Friends that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. Yet some are not sufficiently careful herein. Some care has been taken.

7. Clear as far as appears

8. Mostly careful in these respects.

9. Care is taken of our sisters, with a few exceptions as to births and deaths. Some removals without Certificate are under notice.

10. Care is generally taken to deal regularly with offenders, and to place judgment according to discipline.

We are informed by one of our Monthly Meetings, that it is their judgment that usefulness would arise from the printing of an additional number of our Book of Discipline, which we refer to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

We appoint our Friends Francis Baker, Peleg Mitchell, Seth Killey, Abraham Davis, Stephen Rodgers, and James Tucker, to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting, as our Representatives.

Signed on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford, for Sandwich. —
4th of 4m^o 1822.

Asa Shearman, Jun^r Clk

The following extract from the Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings, being read, copies were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings: viz.†

Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence the 6th day of the 2d Month 1892.

This Meeting having had printed under their direction, one thousand copies of Samuel N. Hussey's answer to Asa Kane, and paid the expense thereof out of the Yearly Meetings' Treasury, in order to reimburse the amount, do recommend the purchase of said Books to our Members, at the price of forty Cents for each book, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint some Friends to receive from their respective M^o. Meetings the money that may be collected therefor, and forward it to Obadiah Brown Treasurer to the Yearly Meeting. 200 copies are lodged in the hands of Abraham Shearman Jr. of New Bedford, for sale and distribution. Where the application of Friends may be made.

In behalf of the Meeting,

To Friends of Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting

Sam Rodman, Clerk

Samuel Rodman having declined the appointment, George Howland is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting, — and Francis Taber, William Tallman, and Cromwell Barnard are appointed Auditors.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 7th M^o. next at Nantucket.

Abraham Shearman, jun^r Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held
at Nantucket, 4th of June, 1822.

Accounts being received from the several
monthly meetings, the Representatives, therein nam-
ed, are from

Sandwich, Daniel Bowerman, Daniel Swift
Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Samuel Brown
Nantucket, Horekiah Barnard, Benjamin Gardner, Kimbal
Dartmouth, Nathaniel Howland, Ebenezer Allen, John ^{Starbuck} Lawrence
Westport, John Macomber, John A. Gifford
New-Bedford, Nathan Davis, Wilson Howland, Seth Russell
Nantucket North District, David Hussey, Matthew Barker
who are all present except Nathan Davis.

The representatives to the yearly meeting report
they all attended

By a minute from our last yearly meet-
ing, it appears that our proportion of stock is
two hundred thirty-two dollars, which our treasurer
is directed to forward when the state of the treas-
ury will admit.

It is concluded to raise for the use of this
meeting the ensuing year 200 dollars, of which
our several monthly meetings are requested to
forward their respective proportions. — Sandwich
monthly meeting is requested to pay to our
treasurer the proceeds of the old meeting-house,
agreeably to a proposition of the representatives.

The committee appointed at our last
quarterly meeting to settle the late treasurer's
accounts make the following report which is
accepted

To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held
at Nantucket

Agreeable to appointment at last
quarterly meeting, we have examined the
accounts of the late treasurer Samuel Rod-
man, and found in his hands a balance

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of eleven dollars eighty-two cents, which we have received and with the quarterly meetings book and papers pertaining to the treasury, have delivered to George Howland treasurer at this time. -

New-Bedford 6mo 29, 1822.

William Tallman

Francis Taber

This meeting adjourns to the 1st hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met by adjournment.

The queries have been read in this meeting and answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th. from the several monthly meetings. -

This meeting, with the concurrence of the women, unites with New-Bedford monthly meeting in the appointment of Francis Taber to the station of an Elder, and with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Paul Wing to the same station, and Daniel Boverman is appointed to inform the select meeting hereof. -

An Epistolary communication, accompanied with a minute to be inserted in our discipline and the report of the boarding school committee, has been received from our last yearly meeting, and read in this, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several monthly meetings. - And the clerk is directed to insert the minute alluded to in the books of discipline belonging to this meeting and report when done. -

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends, held on Rhode Island, for New-England, from the 16th to the 20th of the 6th mo, inclusive 1822:

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings here to belonging.

Dear Friends,

Having been dipped into an exercise

for the welfare of the body, a concern has arisen to address the members of this yearly meeting on account of various deficiencies which appear in the reports to the meeting this year, concerning some of our Christian testimonies. Among these, is that of attending our religious meetings, the neglect of which, we have reason to believe, tends to poverty in all those who decline the practice of assembling with their brethren for the purpose of religious worship. We likewise observe with sorrow, that our testimony respecting the use of spirituous liquors, is in divers instances disregarded by members of our society, thereby exposing themselves to many snares and temptations, if not to irretrievable misery.

We believe that many of those weaknesses and deviations which exist among us, are introduced by giving way to a worldly spirit, and have their foundation in this; for "to be carnally minded is death."

May we therefore, dear friends, endeavour above all things to seek an increasing acquaintance with the God of our lives, by often retiring to, and waiting upon him, whereby we may feel his spirit to help our infirmities, and teach us what to pray for. As this becomes our frequent practice, it will promote love to the brethren, tend to mean us from an undue attachment to the things of this world, and strengthen us to overcome those things that have easily beset us. In this state our religious meetings will be made precious to us, and we shall not be easily hindered from assembling with our brethren; we shall become desirous of exhibiting a good example; and shall know a being qualified to unite with others to labour, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, with those who may be found departing from the testimonies which we as a Society are called to bear.

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And we have felt particularly desirous, that Overseers and other concerned friends, in all our Monthly meetings, may seasonably and faithfully labour, for the restoration and preservation of all our members, carefully cultivating a spirit of love and unity; bearing in mind that these are essential qualifications availingly to labour with those who may be found departing from our religious testimonies.

Signed on behalf of the meeting aforesaid

Abraham Shearman Jun. Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting, held as aforesaid, 6mo. 1822.

The following minute of this meeting, of the year 1706, being considered, is revived, and directed to be forwarded to the quarterly and monthly meetings, that it may be entered on our books of discipline, viz:

"At a Yearly Meeting of Friends, held on Rhode Island, the 18th of 4th mo. 1706:

"It is the judgment of this meeting, that no person that is out of unity with friends; or under dealing of friends for any miscarriage, ought to be suffered to sit in meetings of business, nor their collections be received, but be desired to withdraw from such meetings, until such time as they give satisfaction for such their miscarriage."

At the Yearly Meeting of friends, held on Rhode Island, for New England, from the 16th to the 20th of the 6th mo, inclusive 1822. -

The following report of the Boarding School Committee being read, is accepted, and copies directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting

Abraham Shearman, Jun. Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report, that they have continued their care in the concerns of the institution, which have been so conducted, as to meet their approbation. Matthew and Betsy Purington still exercise the care of superintendents, and Isaiah Jones, Samuel B. Tobey, Abigail Pearce and Sarah Lockwood are employed as Instructors. Thomas Wilber has been usefully employed a part of the past year, in the same station. The improvement made by the children committed to their care has been such as to afford us encouragement. Meetings have been kept up as at first established, and they are generally attended by some of the committee. The superintendents, teachers, and other members of the family appear to live in harmony; and a greater degree of health has been witnessed than in any previous year. The average number of scholars has been about seventy-five. The receipts for board and tuition continue to meet the expenditures. The situation of the funds is such as to enable the committee again to admit one scholar from each monthly meeting six months, or two scholars three months each, free of expense. They feel it incumbent upon them to suggest to monthly meetings, that judicious selections, in these cases, are of importance; it having been found by experience, that such as have had some opportunities for previous improvement, have not only made greater proficiency, than where it has been otherwise, but such upon their return home, have been usefully employed, as instructors in smaller schools; thereby rendering the institution more extensively beneficial.

Signed on behalf of the committee

Providence, 5^{mo} 3, 1822.

Abraham Shearmon Jun.
Mary B. Allen.

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The committee appointed at our last quarter by meeting on the appeal of Asa Howland from the judgment of Dartmouth monthly meeting make the following report.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Nantucket

We the committee appointed in the case of Asa Howland, report we met the parties, and after patiently hearing all they had to say, we are united in opinion, that the judgment of Dartmouth monthly meeting be confirmed.

Pelag. Mitchel
James Barker
Cromwell Barnard
Daniel Borverman
Barnabas Taber
Samuel Newitt
Stephen Rogers

which is accepted and the judgment of that monthly meeting confirmed; and Weston Howland and Seth Davis are appointed to inform him here ^{performance of;} and they are likewise requested to inform ^{reported..} Leonard Gifford of the decision of our last quarterly meeting in his case, it being omitted at that time. —

Our esteemed Friend George Wilby of England attended this meeting with satisfactory certificates from his friends at home: his company and services have been very acceptable to us.

The company of our friend Isaac W. Morris, companion to George Wilby, who presented a minute from the monthly meeting of Philadelphia for the Southern District, has been acceptable to us.

The business of this meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th mo next at Sandwich.

George Mitchel Assistant Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
Sandwich 3^d of 10^m: 1822.

Accounts were received from all the M^c. Meetings—
the Representatives therein, named, are,
from Sandwich, Samuel Wing, Chas. Clifford, Jr.
" Sandwich, Edw. T. Little, Benjamin Percival.
" Nantucket, Kimball & Starbuck, Edw. Mitchell.
" Dartmouth, Abner Russell, Asa & Lowland, James Tucker.
" Westport, Samuel Tenille, John W. Gifford, Joseph Wright.
" New Bedford, Francis Taber, Edw. Wing, & Leadiach Davis.
" Nantucket M. D. Elias C. Stanton, & Matthew Barber
who are all present except Edw. Mitchell, whose attendance
is prevented by ill health.

Sandwich and New Bedford M^c. Meetings in-
form that they have directed their proportions of Stock
paid to our Treasurers.— Sandwich M^c. Meeting also
inform that it has directed the proceeds of the old
Meeting House to be so paid, agreeably to a minute
of our last Meeting.

The Queries have been read, with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London,
on the subject of religious care over Children, reprinted
by direction of the School Committee, was read and di-
rected to be forwarded to the M^c. Meetings.

One friend Stephen Rogers of Danby, has been
acceptably with us at the present time.—

One friend Betsey Purinton, of Providence
has also been acceptably with us.— And the
Order is directed to furnish them with copies of these
Minutes.

The business b^ro^t before this Meeting being
concluded, we propose to meet again in the 12th M^c.
next, at New Bedford.

Alm. Sherman, Jr. (Clerk)

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Bedford 5th of 12th m^o. 1822.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings, except those held on Nantucket, the representatives therein named, are,
from Sandwich, Maltiah Gifford, Stephen Holway,
Dartmouth, Benjamin Tucker, & Abraham Russell,
Westport, Joseph Tripp, John Potter, Ebenezer Baker
New Bedford, Francis Taber, Peter Barney, Wm. Tallman
Abraham Davis, who are all present.

Westport Monthly Meeting informs that it has directed its proportion of Stock paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read, with answers to the 1st, 2^d & 10th from the several Monthly Meetings from which accounts have been at this time received.

We unite with the Womens Meeting, in approving, in concurrence with New Bedford Monthly Meeting, the publick ministry of Deborah Otis. — We also unite with them in approving, in concurrence with the same Monthly Meeting, the publick ministry of Susanna Howland.

The company of our friend John Wilbur, who attended this meeting, with a copy of a minute from South Kingston Monthly Meeting, has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. —

The business brought before this meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the fourth month next at New Bedford.

A. Shearman, Jr. Clk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
3^d of 4th m^o. 1823.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this, except that of Pembroke, the Representatives therein named, are, from Sandwich, Eben Wing, W. Lem. Gifford, Nantucket, Edward Mitchell, Obed Macey — Dartmouth, Humphrey Anthony, Ben^g Tucker, Ephraim Gifford — Westport, Isaac Macomber, Samuel Newell, Joseph Tripp — New Bedford, Elisha Horton, Thos. Mack Davis, Ezra Smith — Nantucket, N.D. William Barney, Dan Mitchell who

who are all present except Samuel Gifford, detained by ill health.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed being expired, Abraham Shearman, Junr. is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assistant, for the year ensuing.

Dartmouth M^o. Meeting informs that it has directed its proportion of Stock paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read, with answers from all the Monthly Meetings from which acc^{ts} were at this time rec^d. — A Summary of which is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

We unite, in concurrence with the Women, in the appointment, by the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, of Sarah Wood, to the station of an Elder.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting is approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk, viz.

"To our next Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends,

An Epistolary Communication from the last Yearly Meeting, with a Minute to be inserted in the Discipline, and the report of the Boarding School Committee were received and read in this, and copies forwarded to our several M^o. Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock will be paid, when direction is given to whom it shall be forwarded.

We have united with Sandwich M^o. Meeting in the appointment of Paul Wing to the station of an Elder — with New Bedford M^o. Meeting in the appointment of Francis Taber to the same station, and in approving the publick Ministry of Deborah Otis & Susannah Howland — and with Dartmouth M^o. Meeting in the appointment of Sarah Wood to the station of an Elder.

The Queries have been read, with answers from the several M^o. Meetings, from which accounts were received at this time, from which the annexed Summary was compiled, and directed to be forwarded to you, viz.

1. Our Meetings on the first day of the week are attended by most of our Members, yet some deficiency as it respects the attendance of those held on the afternoon of that day, is observable. — A want of concern duly to attend our midweek meetings, and those for discipline, is apparent,

and in some instances, it appears they are much neglected. — The house is generally observed. — A few instances of sleeping continue to be noticed. — Not fully clear of other unbecoming behaviour. — In some cases of deficiency care has been extended.

2. — Many Friends, we believe, endeavour to maintain love and unity. — Yet true Christian Fellowship and an harmonising together in the truth, appear, in some instances, to be much wanting among us. — Detraction is not sufficiently guarded against. — When differences arise, endeavours are used to end them.

3. — Some Friends, we believe, are concerned to bring up those under their care, in plainness, and to restrain them from the perusal of pernicious books, and from corrupting conversation, and are exemplary herein. While others are deficient in these duties. — The Scriptures, we think, are frequently read in the families of Friends.

4. — Friends, it appears, are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicinal purposes. A few exceptions are under notice. — The unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort has not, in some instances, been sufficiently guarded against, in which some care has been taken. — Moderation, on the occasions referred to, appears to be generally maintained.

5. — We know of no deficiencies in these respects.

6. — We believe all are not so careful in these respects as would be best. Deviations in marrying out of Society are under notice.

7. — Friends appear to be careful as it respects the several parts of this query — except one instance of a military nature, which is under notice.

8. — We believe Friends are mostly careful in these respects.

9. — Our records appear to be attended to, with some exception as it respects births and deaths. — A few removals without certificate are under notice.

10. — Care is generally taken to deal regularly with offenders, in a good degree as queried, and to place judgment according to discipline.

We appoint our Friends George Howland, Francis Taber, James Tucker, Samuel Newitt, Hesteriah Swain, Abraham Davis Benjamin Tucker, to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting as our Representatives.

Signed on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at New Bedford for Sandwich, 3 of 4m: 1823.

Abraham Shearman, Secy.

Our friend Isaac Hammer, of the Monthly Meeting of New Hope, Greene County, State of Tennessee, has been acceptably with us at the present time, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 7th mo. next at Nantucket.

Wm Shearman, Jr. Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket
3^d of 7th mo. 1823.

Accounts being received from all our M^o. Meetings, the Representatives therein named are, from—

Sandwich, Joseph Dillingham, Prince Lifford.

Pembroke, Smith Brown, Calvin Shepherd.

Nantucket, Benjamin Gardner, Abisha Paddock, H^os^r. Parnass.

Dartmouth, Abraham Russell, H^os^r. W. Wilbur, Daniel Lifford.

Westport, Joseph Tripp, Prince Wing, Pardon Kirby.

New Bedford, Ezra Smith, Humphrey Davis, E^os^r. Davis, Chadwick Davis.

Nantucket N. Dist. David Flussey, Jonathan Lewis.

who are present, except three.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, report that they all attended.

The subject of a difference of sentiment between the Monthly Meetings held on this Island, in regard to the support of the Poor, being brought before us by the following minute of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, viz.

"A misunderstanding having arisen between this Meeting and Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern Dist^o on the subject of the support of the Poor belonging to both Meetings, and this Meeting being desirous of an amicable settlement, has concluded to submit the subject to the Quarterly Meeting, and request its assistance therein; and we have appointed Samuel Macey and others to represent the case."

We appoint Seth Kelley, Prince Lifford, Jun^r, Stephen Rogers, Smith Brown, Daniel Lifford, Wm Russell, Joseph Tripp, Prince Wing, William James, & Francis Taber, to hear the Committees of the two Monthly Meetings, and afford such advice and assistance in the case as way may open for, and report at the adjournment of this, or at a future Meeting.

We are informed by a minute of the Yearly Meeting that our proportion of Stock, is \$309 $\frac{33}{100}$, which our Treasurer

is requested to pay, when the state of the Treasury will admit.

It is concluded to raise four hundred dollars for the service of this Meeting, which are several M^o. Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer in the usual proportions.

Adjourned to half past four, this afternoon.

Afternoon—Met by adjournment.

An Epistolary Communication from our last Yearly Meeting, with Extracts from the Report of the Boarding School Committee, were received and read in this and copies directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meetings.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d, and 10th.

The Company and services of our Friend James Hazard have been acceptable to us in this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The London general Epistle of last year was read to our satisfaction.

The following is the communication from our last Yearly Meeting, above referred to: viz.

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Middle Island for New-England from the 15th to the 18th of the Sixth M^o. inclusive, 1823.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings hereto belonging.

Dear Friends

In entering upon the state of Society as exhibited to us in the answers to the Queries, a deep exercise has spread over our minds, and living desires are raised, that all under our profession may be engaged, above all other considerations, to sink down in the spirit of their minds, to the gift of divine grace, mercifully vouchsafed to each and every one, and wait for its tendering visitation upon the soul, whereby, as we are encouraged to believe, renewed qualification would be experienced for the discharge of our several religious duties. I deep sense of our dependence upon the gracious dispensing, of these visitations, for preservation from the multiplied temptations and trials to which we are subject, ought to encourage and animate us in the discharge of the solemn duty of diligently attending our religious Meetings, and lead us when assembled, to gather to the true resting place, the Rock of Ages humbly and reverently to wait upon the Lord for a renewal of that strength which cometh from him alone. And

may none among us make it a matter of convenience merely, thus to meet; but with reverence and fear assemble ourselves together, at our stated times of meeting, remembering that thereby we bear a noble testimony of our belief, in the great truths of the Gospel, and of devotion to its cause.

May it be the earnest endeavour of every one to seek after "the unity of the Spirit which is the bond of peace," - and, (to revive the language of one of our ancient worthies,) "as we all profess the life of God to be the Author of our life and well being, it becomes us all to differ in nothing, but every one to depart from that which tends to evil." - May we be especially careful, in all our movements, to do nothing which may tend in any manner to lay waste or destroy the unity of the body, remembering that we are members one of another, and however in private judgment we may scruple, or have some doubts respecting, the propriety of any of its conclusions, yet we believe that peace of mind will be experienced in submitting our own judgment; - indeed, the very nature of Society requires this submission, - for such is the frailty of our natures even our liability to err in judgment, that we may well distrust ourselves, and be concerned not to be found opposing the wholesome order of the Church. We are especially solicitous, that in our publick assemblies for divine worship, there may nothing appear tending to disunity or disorder; but that with all lowliness of mind, we may be concerned therein, rightly to perform this interesting and solemn duty. - And may there not be a disposition in any to follow the example of some to whom the Apostle was concerned to write, who said, "I am of Paul; and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ." But saith the Apostle, "If Christ divided, was Paul crucified for you, or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" - No, dear friends he is One, and as we are concerned to come unto him, with a willing mind; and wait upon him, we shall all be baptized into one body; and become members of the true Church of which he is Head.

It is painful to us to perceive, that notwithstanding our repeated endeavours, the use of spirituous liquors is not wholly confined to medicinal purposes; but that some still in profession with us, make too common use of them. Such we are concerned to address; that they may yet more deeply consider the awful risk they are maintaining; that they may pause upon the brink of that precipice, from which so many thousands of the human race have precipitated themselves, and in time take warning. - Are you aware,

dear friends, how many of the comfort and blessings even of this life, you forego by an indulgence in this dangerous practice? Are you aware how much of your respectability and usefulness among your fellow-men you are sacrificing? We entreat you, ponder seriously upon these things, and if yet you may, escape for your lives; look not behind you; "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup, for at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

May we all be concerned to labour together for the help one of another, and with weakness counsel one another, and watch over one another for good, and when one is overtaken with a fault, those who are spiritual, endeavour in meekness for his restoration. But we entreat you, let not any of our precious testimonies, sealed to us by the sufferings of our worthy predecessors, fall to the ground.

Finally, Farewell. — Peace be to the Brethren, and love, with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid,

Abraham Shearman, Junr. Clerk

Extract from the Report of the Boarding School Committee,
[Recd. by the Yearly Meeting, in the South. M^o 1822.]

The Yearly Meeting, Boarding School Committee, report, that the School is under the government of the same Superintendants and Teachers as at the time of our last report. The average number of scholars has been about seventy. Their general conduct and improvement in learning has been such as to be satisfactory and encouraging to the Committee. Meetings for worship have been kept up, and as far as appears, in an acceptable manner.

The Committee again conclude to admit from each Monthly Meeting, one scholar for six months or two scholars three months each, free of expense.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
Cowland Greene,
Alice Nathbun

Providence 2^d of 5th. M^o 1823

The business brought before us at this time being concluded, we propose to meet again in the Fourth Month next, at Sandwich. —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich,
2^d of 10th M^o. 1823.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are, from
Sandwich, Ebenezer Wing, Junr. Prince Gifford, &
Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Adam Brooks,
Nantucket, Benjamin Gardner, Caleb Macey,
Dartmouth, Seth Davis, Howard Potter, Abner Potter,
Westport, John Potter, Samuel Newitt, Philip Potter,
New Bedford, Wm. Taber, Caleb Jenney, Wm. James, Abram Davis
Nantucket N.D. Obed Fitch, William Watson,
who are all present.

Sandwich M^o. Meeting has directed its proportion
of Stock paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read, with answers from all
our M^o. Meetings to the 1st, 2^d, and 10th.

The Committee appointed as by Minute of
our last Quarterly Meeting to extend advice and assist-
ance to the M^o. Meetings held on Nantucket, relative
to the support of the Poor of those Meetings, made
the following Report:

To our Quarterly Meeting, next to be held
at Sandwich.

We, the Committee, have extended such advice to the
two Monthly Meetings on Nantucket, in regard to the
support of their Poor, in future, as to us appeared
necessary. Signed on behalf of the Committee, by
Prince Gifford, Junr.

Dartmouth, Jan 18, 1823.

in addition to which we are verbally informed, that the
advice given by the Committee, was acceded to—
Which is acceptable to us.

The deficiencies unfolded to our view by the
answers to the Queries from some of the Monthly Meetings
having claimed the solid and weighty consideration of
this Meeting, we appoint, Abiel Akin, Prince Gifford,
Russell Davis, Brownell Swift, Benja Percival,
William Gifford, Samuel Newitt, James Tucker,
Daniel Bowerman, and Gilbert Coffin to visit
such Monthly and particular Meetings and Individuals
— as

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as way may open for, and render such advice and assistance, and labour for the restoration of love and unity, and the support of our various testimonies, as the Truth may afford them ability, and report at a future meeting. —

Our esteemed Friend, Jeremiah Hubbard, of North-Carolina, having during his late religious visit in this part of the Country, attended some of the Monthly, and most of the particular Meetings within this Quarterly Meeting, in which his Company and services were acceptable to Friends, the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Minute to Deep-River Monthly Meeting. —

The company and services of our esteemed Friends Deborah Howland, of Orlong, and Avis Keene, of Salem Monthly Meetings, have been acceptable to us at the present time. — As has also the company of our friends Asariah Howland and Phoebe Seely, companions to our friend Deborah Howland.

The business bro't before us at this time being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 12th Month next, at New Bedford.

4th Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford.
4th of 12th M^o. 1823.

Accounts being received from our several M^o. Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are — from —
Sandwich, Zeno Killey, Samuel Wing — Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Daniel Otis — Nantucket, Laban Paddock, Gilbert Coffin, Seth Mitchell — Dartmouth, Abraham Russell, Benjamin Tucker — Westport, Isaac Macomber, John Potter, Daniel Wilbur — New Bedford, George Howland, Daniel Taber, Abraham Davis — Nantucket N. D., David Russey, Matthew Parker. — Who are all present but one.

Nantucket and Westport M^o. Meetings inform that they have debited their proportions of stock paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read, with answers from the Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d. & 10th.

Our friend Mary B. Allen has been acceptably with us at the present time.

The business bro't before us being concluded, we propose to meet again at this place in the fourth M^o. next.

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St. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Bedford, 1st of 4th mo 1824.

Accounts being received from all our M^o. Meetings,
the Representatives named to attend this Meeting are,
for Sandwich, Seth Killey, Gideon Wing,
Sembroke, Samuel Brown, Stephen Rogers,
Nantucket, Samuel Macey, Cromwell Barnard,
Dartmouth, Joseph Lifford, Seth Davis, John Hardy,
Westport, Isaac Macomber, Joseph Shipp, En^o. Macomber,
New Bedford, Ezra Smith, Geo. Howland, Ab^o. Davis, Francis Taber,
Nantucket, V. D., Matthew Parker, Seth Swift,
who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant
were appointed being expired, Abraham Shearman, Jun^r
is appointed Clerk and William Mitchell, Assistant Cl^k
for the year ensuing.

Dartmouth and New Bedford M^o. Meetings
have given attention to their proportions of Stock.

The Queries were read, with answers from
all our M^o. Meetings, and a summary thereof directed
to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

We have united with the Women's Meeting,
in the conclusion, in concurrence with New Bedford M^o.
Meeting, that Elizabeth Rodman and Mary Rotch
are disqualified for the station of Elders.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting,
embracing further business of this Meeting, I was approved,
and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

To our next Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

An Epistolary communication from
our last Yearly Meeting, with extracts from the Report of
the Boarding School Committee, were received and read in
this, and copies forwarded to the M^o. Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurers.

The Queries have been read, with answers from the several
monthly Meetings, and the annexed Summary compiled therefrom,
directed to be forwarded to you.

We have united with the Women's Meeting in the con-
clusion, in concurrence with New Bedford M^o. Meeting,
that Elizabeth Rodman and Mary Rotch are disqualified
for the station of Elders.

1. Our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are duly held; yet neglect in the diligent attendance of them, and particularly those held in the middle of the week, is apparent in a considerable number of our Members. The hour is observed. — Some instances of sleeping are noticed. — Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. — In cases of deficiency, some labour has been extended.

2. Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained among Friends in most of our Meetings; while in some instances, want of unity and of an harmonising together in the Truth, is manifest among us. Some Friends guard against detraction, but it is not sufficiently discountenanced by all. — Care is taken to end differences.

3. Some Friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupting conversation, and are exemplary themselves; while others are deficient herein. The Holy Scriptures it appears are generally read in the Families of Friends.

4. Friends, it appears, are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine, though not without some exceptions. — The unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort, has not, in some instances, been sufficiently guarded against, on which account care has been extended. — Moderation on the occasions referred to, appears to be generally maintained.

5. Friends are generally careful in these respects.

6. Friends are mostly careful in regard to marriage; yet all are not sufficiently guarded in their proceedings.

7. We believe that our testimonies in these respects are generally maintained.

8. Friends, it appears are mostly careful in these respects, yet there have been a few instances of deficiency in a timely inspection of affairs and settlement of accounts, and in the payment of debts; and some care has been extended.

9. Our records are attended to, with some exceptions as to births and deaths. — A few instances of removal without Certificate are under notice.

10. Care is generally taken to deal with offenders, as queried at, and endeavours are used to place judgment according to discipline.

We appoint our friends Abel Akin, Prince Gifford, D. Lewis Gardner, James Tucker, Wm. Retch, junr & Stephen Rogers, our Representatives to your Meeting.

Signed on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 1st of 4th mo 1824. J. H. Shearman, R. Clerk

Our esteemed friend Triscilla Hunt, of Free River M^c. Meeting, State of Indiana, has been acceptably with us at this time.

Our friend John Lawton, of Hudson M^c. Meeting State of New-York, who accompanies our friend Triscilla Hunt, has also been acceptably with us.

The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 7th M^c. next, at Nantucket.

July 1824 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket, 1st of July 1824.

Account being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named are:

from Sandwich, Daniel Powerman, Stephen Dillingham, Simbroke, Stephen Rogers, Daniel Otis.
Nantucket, Prince Gardner, W^m. Mitchell, Cornwell Barman, Dartmouth, Eben^r. Allen, Howard Potter, John Lawrence Westport, John A. Gifford, Clothe Gifford,
N. Seaford, Ezra Smith, David Miller, Ab^m. Shannon, &
Nantucket N. D. James Parker, William Barney. — who are all present.

The friends who were appointed Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, report that they attended.

We are informed by a minute of our last Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of the Stock concluded to be raised, is \$270. by which our Treasurer is requested to pay when the State of the Treasury will admit.

The Auditor's report, that they have settled the ac^ts of the Treasurer of this Meeting, and find a balance in his hands of \$11. 42.

It is concluded to raise \$400. — for the service of the ensuing year, which our several M^c. Meetings are requested to forward in the usual proportions.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d and 10th.

An extract from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, with the report of the Visiting School Committee were read, and copies directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed in the 10th month last, report, that they have given attention to the objects of their appointment, and think that further labour will be useful — they are accordingly continued, with the addition of Mark Coffin.

July 1824 George Mitchell, and Stephen Rogers, to extend such further advice and assistance as way may open for, and report at a future Meeting.

The Company and religious services of our esteemed friends Isaac Stephenson and William Foster, junr. of Great-Britain, have been acceptable to us at the present time. They presented satisfactory certificates from their friends at home, of unity with their ministry and present engagements in America.

The Company of our friend John Paul, (of Philad.^a Mo. Meeting for the N. District.) companion to our friend William Foster, junr. has also been acceptable to us.

The business bit before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich.

Extract

from the Minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode-Island for New-England in the sixth M^o 1824.

The Queries were read with answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, which brought a deep feeling of exercise over many minds and led to the expression of a lively concern for the preservation of our various testimonies, in that feeling of admiration from the spirit of the world, through the influence of the truth in which they originated. — The deficiency manifest in the due attendance of our religious meetings was affecting to many; and a sympathetic care towards friends in remote situations, and members of small meetings, was feelingly recommended to the attention of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings as well as to individuals, who feel concerned for the promotion of the cause of Truth, and friends in such situations when unable from peculiar circumstances to meet with their brethren for the interesting purpose of public divine worship were encouraged to sit alone in retirement before the Lord in their own families. —

A state of watchfulness in friends when sitting in our meetings for business was also feelingly recommended; that they may wait to know what is required at their hands and to be enabled to move in that sweetness of wisdom which will efficiency to their labors in promoting the objects of Christian Discipline which it is

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fully believed was established among us in the ordering of Divine Truth. Faithfulness in the great duty of admonition was urged upon the attention of friends whether standing, in that relation toward their fellow members, which would seem to render it their more peculiar province; or, as individuals, who are brought to feel for the preservation of those who they apprehend are stepping aside or falling short, & that to which the Truth would lead: — with desires that such might attend to the secret and gentle intimations of the spirit of Christ in their own minds, pointing to such services, and seek for ability rightly to labour with others in the restoring spirit of love; and that ^{they} ~~they~~ meet with their peculiar trials and sufferings, they may remember that a blessing is attached to those who are found worthy to suffer for the cause of Truth; and thus be encouraged to hold on their way. —

The want of love and unity manifest within our borders, at all times painful to the feeling mind, has been cause of exercise on the present occasion; and has given rise to a concern that all the living members of the body — all who rightly feel for the preservation of that hedge placed round about the Society, which in subserviency to the spirit of Truth it is believed has been a blessing to it; — may be favoured to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and that becoming more and more baptized into the one body, they may become a joy and strength to one another. —

A solicitude was felt, that parents might seek for that qualification that will enable them rightly to watch over the minds of their children to guard them against the snares and temptations — the spirit, the maxims and fashions of the world; that they may avail themselves of opportunities when their minds are tender and susceptible of impressions to bless with them in the authority of restraining love; and that children may bless with the feelings of filial regard the fear of offending, a religiously exercised parent, and the necessity of obedience to that principle implanted in their minds, the gentle intimations of which are often felt at a very early age; and as given heed to will preserve from the snares of death, and enable us to say with one formerly "Should we attain to advanced life: — "I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."

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And that all of every class who are rightly concerned
being kept alive in the truth, and a feeling engagement of
mind for their own advancement in the path of self-denial,
the influence of their example may become widely diffused,
and they grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord
and Saviour. —

From the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid
Abraham Sherman Secy.

10. m. 1824

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich,
7th of 10th M^o 1824.

Accounts were received from all our Monthly
Meetings — by which it appears that the Representatives
appointed to attend this Meeting, are —

from Sandwich, Seth Kelley, Gideon Wins,
Pembroke, Edw. P. Little, Adam Brooks,
Nantucket, Prince Gardner, Seth Paddock,
Dartmouth, Benj. Tucker, Simon Wood, Seth Davis,
Westport, Joseph Shipp, In W. Lifford, Saml. Lead,
New Bedford, Ezra Smith, Job Otis, Job Eddy,
Abraham Davis.

Nantucket, N. D. — Benj. Austin — George Easton,
— who are all present.

Nantucket M^o Meeting informs that it has
forwarded its proportion of Stock to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read, with answers from the sev-
eral M^o Meetings to the 1st, 2^d and 10th.

The London general Epistle of the present year
was read in this meeting. — The contents of which have been
to our edification and comfort.

We unite with the Women, in approving, in con-
currence with Westport M^o Meeting, the publick appear-
ances in the ministry of Anna Uncomber.

The company and religious engagements of our
friend Thomas Jones have been acceptable to us at the present
time, as has also the company of our friend Robert Pope,
his companion; and the Clerk is directed to furnish them
with copies of this minute.

It appearing necessary that the Shed, the property of
this Meeting, standing on the Meeting House Lot at N. Bedford,
should be removed, we appoint Geo. Howland, James Tucker, Pas-
selt Davis, Stephen Rogers, Prince Gardner & Job Eddy, to give
the necessary attention to its removal and repair, with such al-
teration, if any, in its dimensions, as they may consider necessary
and report when accomplished.

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The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded,
we propose to meet again in the 12th month next at New-
Bedford.

12^{mo}: 1824

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New-
Bedford, 2^d of 12^{mo}: 1824.

Accounts being received from the several Monthly
Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are:
Sandwich, Abel Akin, Joseph Dillingham, Her^l Hoxie,
Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Daniel Otis,
Nantucket, John S. Coffin, Matt^l Barney,
Dartmouth, Abner Russell, Abner Potter, Caleb Glade,
Westport, Isaac Macomber, Elmer Sifford, Eben Baker,
New Bedford, W^m Hubbard, W^m Tallman, Abner Davis,
Nantucket, A. D. David Hussey, George Easton,
who are all present.

Sandwich and Westport M^o. Meetings
inform, that they have directed their proportions
of Stock to be paid to our Treasurers.

The Queries were read, with answers from
the several M^o. Meetings to the 1st, 2^d, & 10th.

We unite with Dartmouth M^o. Meeting
in disapproving the publick appearances in the
Ministry of Philip Dunham. — the Women con-
curring therein. — and John R. Davis is named to
inform the Select Meeting hereof.

The business bro't before this Meeting
being concluded, we propose to meet again in the
14th M^o. next, at New Bedford.

14^{mo}: 1825

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
7th of 4^{mo}: 1825.

Accounts being received from all the Meetings constituting
this, the Representatives therein named are, for Sandwich,
Daniel Bawerman, Lemuel Sifford, & — Pembroke, Calvin
Shepherd, Edw^d P. Little — Nantucket, Benj^l Gardner, George
Mitchel — Dartmouth, Abner Potter, Benj^l Tucker, Geo. Smith
— Westport, Joseph Trapp, Isaac Macomber, Samuel Newitt
— N. Bedford, Job Otis, W^m Tallman, Silas Smith, Abner Davis
— Nantucket, A. D. James Barker, W^m Barney —
who are all present but two.

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The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed, being expired, Abraham Therman, junr. is appointed Clerk, and Charles H. Tubby, Assistant Clerk for the year ensuing.

Pembroke, Dartmouth, Nantucket N. District and New Bedford Monthly Meetings, have paid, or directed their proportions of Stock to be paid to our Treasurers.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several N. Meetings, a summary of which was directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

We unite with Sandwich N. Meeting in the appointment of Adlish Gifford to the place of an Elder, also with New Bedford N. Meeting in the appointment of Abraham Therman, junr. to the same station - with which the Women concur, and Daniel Powerman is named to inform the Select Meeting hereof.

Our esteemed friend Ruth Davis feelingly opened in this Meeting, a concern that has for some time powerfully impressed her mind, to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Friends at New York, and to perform a religious visit to some of the Meetings in the lower and middle Quarterly Meetings belonging to that Yearly Meeting, as expressed in a Certificate of concurrence from New Bedford N. Meeting - which having claimed the weighty consideration of this Meeting, the unity and sympathy of Friends was expressed therewith, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way.

Our esteemed friend Deborah Otis also feelingly opened a concern that has rested on her mind, to perform a religious visit to some of the Meetings of Friends in the State of New York, also to attend New York Yearly Meeting, in company with our friend Ruth Davis, as expressed in a Certificate of concurrence from New Bedford N. Meeting - She has the unity and sympathy of Friends of this Meeting, and is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as way may open in the truth.

The Clerk is directed to indorse the substance of these minutes, and sign them on behalf of the Meeting.

Cornelius Howland, James Tucker, & Francis Taber are named a Committee to advise with the Friends, now set at liberty to travel, as by the above minutes, and render them any necessary assistance, preparatory to the commencement of their visit.

4th mo. 1825.

The Committee appointed as by minute of the 10th mo. 1823, (with an addition in the 7th mo. last.) made the following report:

"The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting in the 10th mo. 1823, have attended to the subject of their appointment, and extended such assistance and advice to Meetings and individuals as appeared to be necessary, and as way has opened; and although they are of opinion that further labour may be necessary, they are united in believing that it will be best to dismiss the present Committee. On behalf of the Committee

Russell Davis.

Sarah Tucker.

which is accepted; and the Committee released from any further attention to the services for which they were appointed, and which have been acceptable to the Meeting.

The Committee appointed in the 10th mo. last, to remove the Shed, &c. on the Meeting-House lot at New Bedford, made the following report:

"The Committee appointed in the 10th mo. last year, by the Quarterly Meeting, for the purpose of removing the Shed standing on the Meeting-house lot at New Bedford, and repairing the same, with such alterations in its dimensions, &c. as they might consider necessary; report, that they have given attention to the object of their appointment, and have rebuilt the old Shed on the back part of the lot, with the addition of about fifty eight feet of open Shed adjoining the West end — there was but a small part of the materials of the old Shed that would answer to put into the building again — the expense of which is \$398. 37. On behalf of the Committee,

Geo. Howland.

New Bedford,

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which is accepted; and George Howland is requested to charge the amount expended, to this Meeting, in his acc. with it as Treasurer.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved, viz.

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To our next Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, with the report of the Boarding School Committee, were received and read in this Meeting, and copies forwarded to our several M^o Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

The Queries have been read with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, and the annexed Summary compiled therefrom, directed to be forwarded to you.

We have united with Westport Monthly Meeting in approving the publick ministry of Anna Macomber: with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Maliah Gifford to the place of an Elder and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Abraham Shearman to the same station.

We have also united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in disapproving the publick ministry of Philip Dunham.

We appoint our friends Paul Wing, George Mitchell, James Tucker, James Parker, Stephen Rogers, and Abm^m Shearman Jun^r our Representatives to your meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of our Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at New Bedford for Sandwich 7th of 4th M^o 1825

Charles J. Lubbs, Assistant Clerk

Answers

1 Our Meetings for worship and discipline are duly held, and generally attended by most Friends; though there appears to be some deficiency, particularly in the attendance of mid-week meetings and those for discipline. The hour is well observed. Sleeping appears in some - of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear. Some care is taken.

2 Friends in general appear to be careful to maintain love and unity, and to guard against detraction; though there appears to be some deficiency herein. When differences appear care is taken to end them.

3 Some Friends appear to be concerned to maintain our testimonies in the several parts of this Query; while others are deficient herein. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families; though we believe not so much in all as would be best

Apr. 1825. 4. Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine and the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, though not without exceptions. — Some care has been taken. Mostly clear in the other parts of this query.

5. Generally careful in these respects.

6. Friends appear to be generally careful in these respects. Instances of marrying out are under notice.

7. We know not but that our testimonies in these respects are generally maintained. — Some instances of deviation are under notice.

8. Friends appear to be generally careful in these respects.

9. Our records are attended to, with some exceptions as to births. A few instances of removal without certificates, in which care is taken.

10. Care is generally taken to deal with offenders as queried, and endeavours are used to place judgment according to discipline.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the Seventh Month next, at Nantucket.

Wm Shearman Secy. Clerk

7th 1825. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket,
7th of 7th 1825.

Accounts were received from the several Monthly Meetings whose Representatives to this Meeting are,

For Sandwich, Mallish Gifford, Joshua Swift,
Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Calvin Shepherd
Nantucket, Tho. Macey, Abner Hussey, Wm. Mitchell.
Dartmouth, Isaac Lawrence, Abner Patten, Benj. Quaker
Westport, John Patten, John A. Gifford, En. Macomber,
New Bedford, Job Eddy, Francis Taber.
Nantucket N. D. David Hussey, Peleg Mitchell, &c.
who are all present

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended.

We are informed by a minute of our last Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of the stock proposed to be raised by that Meeting, is \$193.33 — which our Treasurer is requested to pay when the State of the Treasury will admit.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends, held on Rhode-Island for New-England, from the 12th to the 16th of 6th mo. 1825,

The Report of the Boarding School Committee being read and considered, is approved ; and such parts thereof as it appears necessary to lay before our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, with the Minutes annexed to the Report, are directed to be transcribed by the Clerk and forwarded to them, for the future government of Friends, in sending children to the School.

From the minutes of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. *Clerk.*

Extracts from the Report of the Boarding School Committee, (presented to the Yearly Meeting, 6th mo. 1825.)

The Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee report,

That they have given attention, during the past year, to the concerns of the Institution, and feel a degree of satisfaction in being enabled to state, that the prospect of its usefulness to the children and youth of the society continues to be encouraging.

The School is continued under the charge of ENOCH and LYDIA BREED, as Superintendants, and ISAIAH JONES, DAVID DANIELS, SAMUEL B. TOBEY, ABIGAIL PEIRCE, MARY BEEDEE, and SARAH EARLE, as Instructors. The average number of scholars for the year past, has been one hundred and three. The receipts for board and tuition, with the income of the fund, continue to meet the expenditures.

It is concluded again to admit one child from each Monthly Meeting, six months, or two children three months each, free of expense, provided their term be accomplished within the year succeeding the Yearly Meeting.

The number of children at the school had so increased at the commencement of the present year, that the committee thought it necessary for their convenient and healthful accommodation, and that of the family, that the building should be enlarged by an addition of about forty feet square to each wing ; and as it appeared desirable that the work should be commenced previous to the time of the Yearly Meeting, they, with the advice of the Meeting for Sufferings, have contracted to have such additions made, and they are now in progress.

It is concluded by the Committee, that children of this Yearly Meeting, who are members of Society, continue to be received, for the present, at sixteen Dollars per quarter ; and that those who are children or grand-children of members of our society, or under the care of friends of this Yearly Meeting (when the circumstances of the School permit of their being received) be admitted at twenty Dollars per quarter ; and that, should it be thought best hereafter to admit any others, that they be received at twenty-five Dollars per quarter.

The Committee propose, should it meet the approbation of the Yearly Meeting, that the annexed minutes be forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings for their government in sending children to the School.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

WM. JENKINS.
ALICE RATHBUN.

Providence, 5th mo. 6th, 1825.

MINUTES OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

[Approved by the Yearly Meeting, 6th mo. 1825.]

The School Committee, in the discharge of the important trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, have found it necessary from time to time to recur to the great object, which the Yearly Meeting itself, as well as the Friends who have contributed to the funds of the Institution, have had in view in the establishment of the School, and which they think cannot be better expressed than in the language which accompanied the bequest of one of its early friends and most liberal benefactors; that our children and youth "may receive a religious guarded education, free from the contaminating influence of the vain fashionable world, which leads young minds from the simplicity of the truth, and that meek and quiet spirit exhibited by our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whom we profess to follow."

It was in accordance with such views, that the Committee were induced, in the 2d month, 1819, soon after the School was in operation, to forward the following minute to the several Monthly Meetings, and which in 1821, was again sent down under the sanction of the Yearly Meeting, viz:

"It has appeared necessary, from experience derived since the opening of the Institution, that more general circumspection should be extended in sending children to the School, conformable to the recommendation in the printed Circular of the 12th month last. And to preserve the order necessary to carry the object of the Yearly Meeting into more complete effect, it is recommended that each Monthly Meeting appoint a few suitable friends to whom application may be made by Parents or Guardians of Children who are desirous of placing them at the School; that the Friends so appointed consider it their duty not only to enjoin that the children come in a plain dress, and in the use of the plain Scripture language, but that they are of good habits; and that they give a few lines to that import, for the information of the Superintendants and Instructors at the School.

The Committee now feel it to be their duty to recommend to the Monthly Meetings a greater extension of care to these objects, and that the appointment of such Committees be revived by them, to act in connection with the members of this Committee, if any, who may reside within the limits of each Monthly Meeting.

And as children have in several instances, been brought to the School without any recommendation or minute from the Committees of the Monthly Meetings, and through an unwillingness to subject their Parents or others to inconvenience, have been admitted, notwithstanding:—It is now concluded, after deliberately considering the subject, and with the preservation of right order and the good of the Institution solely in view, that after a reasonable time for the circulation of this conclusion, the superintendants be instructed not to receive any children without such certificate.

In all cases of a doubtful nature that may come before them, the Committees of the Monthly Meetings are requested to make application (by letter addressed to the Superintendant) to the acting Committee of the Institution, which meets at the School-House in Providence on the third day after the last fifth day in each month.

As a further means of promoting simplicity of manners and appearance among the children, and to prevent the injurious effects of a contrary example, the Superintendants are authorized to direct, that such apparel as the children bring with them, that is deemed inconsistent with the plainness that truth leads into, be laid aside during their residence at the School, or the necessary alterations made, and the expense charged.

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July 1825.

The Auditors report, that they have settled the Treasurer's accounts, and find a balance due him of \$317.47.

It is concluded to raise six hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year, which our several M^c. Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer in the usual proportions.

A minute of our last Yearly Meeting, embracing Extracts from the Report of the Boarding School Committee, with the Minutes accompanying the same, were read in this Meeting, and directed to be forwarded to our several M^c. Meetings.

Adj^d. To the 14th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon — Met by adjournment.

The Queries were read, with answers from our several M^c. Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

Our esteemed friend Sarah Tucker weightily opened in this Meeting a concern that has for some considerable time past rested upon her mind, to perform a religious visit within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and particularly to the Meetings constituting the Quarterly Meeting of Abington, Parks, Concord, & Calne, as expressed in a Certificate of concurrence from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, which having claimed the solid and feeling consideration of this Meeting, she has our unity and sympathy therein, and is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as way may open in the Truth — and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Women's Meeting in furnishing her with a Minute, embracing the substance of this, and sign it on our behalf.

Being informed by the account from Nantucket M^c. Meeting, that some difficulty has been experienced in coming to a satisfactory conclusion, on a subject which has been before it, and in which they now request the advice of this Meeting, we appoint Stephen Rogers, Abner Shearman, Jun^r, James Tucker, Francis Taber, Russell Davis, Isaac Lawrence, & Samuel Newitt, to render such assistance and advice in the case as they may find themselves enabled to afford, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The following minute embraced in the account from Nantucket M^c. Meeting for the N. District, being read, viz.

"This Meeting having recently ascertained that there are now remaining, & mostly at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, fourteen persons, members of our M^c. Meeting, who are so remotely situated as to render it very difficult to pay that attention to them their case requires, has concluded to lay the same before the Quarterly Meeting for their advice and council therein."

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We appoint Obed Macy, Stephen Rogers, Malbrick Sifford, William Sifford, John W. Davis, Abisha Punker, & Abraham Shearman, jun. a Committee to take the subject into consideration, confer thereon with the Committee of that M^c. Meeting, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Francis Taber, Job Eddy, & Abraham Shearman, Jr. are named a Committee to advise with our friend Sarah Tucker, now set at liberty to perform a religious visit, and to render her any assistance that may appear necessary, preparatory to the commencement of her journey.

Our friends James Hazard, of Cornwall M^c. Meeting, State of New York, and Huldah Hoag, of Ferrisburgh M^c. Meeting, Vermont, have been acceptably with us at the present time.

The company of our friends, In^o. Knowles and M^{rs}. Hecabel Austin, companions to Huldah Hoag, has also been acceptable to us.

The business brought before us being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th month next, at Sandwich.

10th mo 1825. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich 6th of 10th mo 1825.

Accounts being received from the several M^c. Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are, for Sandwich, Samuel Wing, Prince Sifford, & Pembroke, Benjamin Percival, Adner Brooks, Nantucket, Prince Gardner, Sabau Paddock, Dartmouth, Ben^{ja}. Tucker, Eben^o. Allen, Pater Shearman, Westport, John W. Sifford, Samuel Head, Samuel Hewitt, New Bedford, W^m. Howland, Ezra Smith, Ania^s. Delane, Nantucket N.D. Matthew Barker, & Ch^s. S. Stubbs, who are all present, except one.

The Quor^{us} were read; with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

Sandwich Monthly Meeting has directed its proportion of Stock to be paid to our Treasurer.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly on the application from Nantucket M^c. Meeting, report,

"That they attended to their appointment, and after deliberately considering the circumstances of the case on which the application was founded, united in offering advice to the M^c. Meeting, which they have since understood was accepted.

On behalf of the Committee,

10th mo 6, 1825.

Russell Davis."

Which is acceptable to this Meeting.

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The Committee appointed as by minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting, on the subject referred to our consideration from Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern District inform that some attention has been given thereto, but not being prepared at this time to make a full report — the subject is continued under their care, to report to our Quarterly Meeting in the 4th month next.

The company and services of our friend Lackey Powerman, of Sidney Monthly Meeting, Maine, have been acceptable to us in this, as well as in several of the Meetings hereto belonging, which he has attended, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

We unite with the Women's Meeting, in approving in concurrence with Westport M^c. Meeting, the publick Ministry of Elizabeth Tripp.

The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 12th mo. next at New Bedford.

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N. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 1st of 12m. 1825.

Accounts were received from the several M^c. Meetings; whose Representatives to this Meeting, are;
 For Sandwich, Daniel Powerman, Prince Gifford, Lem^l. Gifford,
 Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Benjamin Percival,
 Nantucket, Micajah Swain, Matt^l. Parney,
 Dartmouth, Caleb Sted, Howard Potter, Eph^m. Gifford,
 Westport, Eben^l. W. Baker, Samuel Newit, Pardon Kirby,
 New Bedford, Joseph Davis, Daniel Thornton, Am^l. Delano,
 Nantucket N. D. Wain, Swain, William Watson.
 who are all present.

Dartmouth, Westport, and Nantucket N. District Monthly Meetings inform that they have given attention to their respective proportions of the Quarterly Meet^g's Stock.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2d, and 10th.

The Company and services of our esteemed friend Susanna R. Smith, of Burlington M^c. Meeting N. Jersey have been acceptable to us in this Meeting, as has also the company of our friends Rowland Jones of the same M^c. Meeting, and Susanna Newbold, of Upper Springs Field M^c. Meeting, N. Jersey; Companions to the aforementioned Friends — and the Clerk is directed to furnish said Friends — and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of this Minute, as it relates to them respectively.

Our esteemed friend James Hazard, of Cornwall Monthly Meeting, State of New York, having attended

this Quarterly Meeting in the 7th Month last, is again acceptably with us at this time, and having also acceptably attended the different particular Meetings within the compass of this Meeting, the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

The business bro't before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 4th Month next, at this place.

Wm. Shearman, Secy.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 6th of 4th Mo. 1826.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are,
for Sandwich, Abiel Akia, Paul Wing,
Pembroke, Samuel Brown, Edward S. Little,
Nantucket, Prince Gardner, Micajah Swain,
Dartmouth, Seth Davis, Caleb Shide, Abner Potter,
Westport, Samuel Newitt, Philip Potter, Samuel Shide,
New Bedford, Ezra Smith, American Delano, Francis Taber,
Nantucket N.D. William Barney, Saml. Mitchell,
who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed, having expired, Abraham Shearman, Jr. is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assistant, for the year ensuing.

The Queries were read, with Answers from the several Monthly Meetings, from which the annexed general Answers were compiled, and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

We unite with Sandwich M^o Meeting in the appointment of Prince Gifford, Junr. to the place of an Elder - with which the Women concur - and Herckiah Swain is named to inform the Select Meeting hereof.

A Testimony of New Bedford M^o Meeting respecting our worthy friend, James Davis, deceased, was read in this Meeting, and much unity being expressed therewith, and the Women concurring, the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf, and forward it to the ensuing Meeting for Sufferings.

The Committee appointed as by minute of the 7th month last, on the application from the Nantucket N^o District M^o Meeting, respecting Individuals who are Members of that Monthly Meeting, residing in Nova Scotia, made the following report:—

The Committee appointed in the Seventh Month last, on the application from Nantucket M^c District Monthly Meeting, have given attention to the subject, and have conferred thereon with the Committee of the M^c Meeting. — It is ascertained, that six Individuals who have stood as Members, have gone out in marriage, and that John P. Coleman, his wife, and five Children, (one of whom is now at sea on a voyage from Nantucket) include all the other Members, residing, or belonging there. — After deliberately considering the peculiar circumstances of the case, and taking into view the great difficulty of extending labours, we have thought it would be safe for the Monthly Meeting to make a minute of denial against those who have married out, and inform them of it, together with their right of appeal, by a written communication. Which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
New Bedford, 4m 10. 1826. — Abm. Shearman, Jr.
which being considered, is accepted, and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Minute to the M^c Meeting aforesaid.

On application from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, said Meeting is left at liberty to dispose of the old Meeting-House and Lot in Rochester, and to erect another Meeting-House there should way open for it.

Friends of Westport propose, that their M^c Meeting in the Sixth Month, be in future held on the Seventh Day after the third 5th day in said Month — which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this Minute.

Our esteemed friend George Hatton, having during his late religious visit in New-England attended several of our Monthly, and all our particular Meetings, in which his company and services were acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Minute to Whitewater M^c Meeting, State of Indiana.

The following account to the Quarterly Meeting
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is approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk,
viz.

To our next Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

A minute of your last Meeting, embracing
Extracts from the Report of the Boarding School Com-
mittee, with the minutes accompanying the same, were
read in this Meeting, and forwarded to our several
Monthly Meetings.

Our Treasurer has paid our proportion of
Stock to your Treasurer.

The Queries were read, with answers from
our several Monthly Meetings, and the annexed Sum-
mary compiled therefrom, directed to be forwarded to you.

We have united with Westport M.^c Meeting
in approving the Publick Ministry of Elizabeth Shipp
— and with Sandwich M.^c Meeting in the appointment
of Prince Sifford, Jr. to the place of an Elder.

We appoint our friends Job Otis, Seth Kiley,
Stephen Rogers, Benjamin Tucker, Prince Gardner, our
Representatives to your Meeting.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of our
Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at New Bedford,
for Sandwich, 10th of 4th M.^c 1826.

Ab^m Shearman, Jun^r Clerk

Being informed by the Representatives from
Westport Monthly Meeting, that they have it in charge
to ask the advice of this Meeting in regard to a par-
ticular case now before said Monthly Meeting, we ap-
point Prince Sifford, Jr. Seth Kiley, Francis Taber, and
Abraham Shearman, Jr. to render such advice and
assistance in the case as way opens for, and report
when accomplished.

The business bro't before us at this time being
concluded, we propose to meet again in the 7th month
next, at Nantucket.

Answers to the Queries, 4^m 1826.

1. All our Meetings for worship and discipline
are regularly held; yet considerable deficiency is manifest
in the due attendance of them, and particularly of mid-
week Meetings, and those for Discipline. The hour is gen-
erally observed. — Except a few instances of sleeping, mostly
clear of unbecoming behaviour. — Some care has been extended.

2^d Love and unity are generally maintained, yet not without some exceptions. Detraction appears to be mostly guarded against, yet not sufficiently so by all. When differences arise, endeavours are used to end them.

3^d Some friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in a good degree as queried, and are exemplary herein, while others manifest too little concern to maintain our testimonies in these respects; on which account some labour has been extended. The Holy Scriptures we believe are read in Friends' families, yet we fear not so frequently in all as would be best.

4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors unless for medicine; yet there are some exceptions which appear to be mostly under notice. The unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort is mostly avoided. Moderation appears to be maintained on the occasions referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to. — A few instances of placing out are under notice.

6th Care rests on the minds of many friends that all proceedings with respect to marriage, be conformable to discipline. — Instances of marrying out of the order of our Society are under notice?

7th Our testimonies in these respects appear to be generally maintained. — A few instances of failure to bear testimony against the payment of priests' wages are under notice?

8th Friends are generally careful as respects the several parts of this Query. — In some instances of deficiency, care has been extended.

9th Our records are attended to; yet there is found deficiency as respects births and deaths. — A few instances of removal without certificate are under notice.

10th We believe care is generally taken to deal with offenders, in a good degree as queried, and to place judgment according to discipline.

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A Testimony

of the New Bedford Monthly Meeting, respecting James Davis,
deceased.

To preserve a Memorial of the lives of those who have been devoted in their day, to the cause of Truth and righteousness, and whose example has adorned the profession they have made, has ever been considered a tribute due to their memory, and an incitement to those who may succeed them, to follow in the path they have trod, through the many trials and vicissitudes of time, to the crown of all, a peaceful close, in a well grounded hope of glory, honour, and immortal life.

It is from considerations of this kind, that we are led to preserve some memorial of the pious and exemplary life and peaceful close of our late worthy friend James Davis. He was born at Rochester, in this State, on the 22^d of the fifth month, 1744. His parents were Nicholas and Ruth Davis. His father, (of whom a memorial may be found in a Collection printed at Philadelphia in 1787,) was a Minister in the Society of Friends, and died at Oblong, when on his return from a religious visit to the Southern States, in the 10th Month 1755. Although the subject of this Memoir was deprived at an early age, of this worthy Parent, the impressions made upon his tender mind, by his counsel and example, and the continued care of a pious mother, appear, through the influence of Divine love, to have been a means of preservation to him in after life.

When he had attained to years of manhood, he settled at Bedford, (then included in the township of Dartmouth,) where he soon after formed a connection in marriage, and continued to reside here till the time of his decease.

In the summer and autumn of 1770, in the 27th year of his age, he was visited with a long and severe illness, by which he was so far reduced, that his friends wholly despaired of his recovery. In this season of deep prostration, his mind became peacefully resigned to the will of his heavenly Father, and on his restoration to health, an increased dedication was witnessed. He for several years discharged the duties of an Overseer, acceptably to his Friends, and with usefulness to the Church, at a time, when the faithful discharge of those duties was rendered peculiarly arduous from the excitement produced in the public mind by the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and which extended to many standing in connection with the Society. He was several times, by appointment of the Monthly Meeting, united with others in visiting the families of Friends; to endeavour to remove hurtful things from within the borders of the Society. It was while engaged in these labours of love, that he found himself called upon, occasionally, to speak

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to the States of those who were visited, by way of ministry. It was not long before he believed it to be his duty to bear a more public testimony to the Truth, and was made willing to yield obedience to divine requisition. This was about the year 1782. His friends, after waiting for due proof that "a dispensation of the Gospel was committed to him," approved, in 1784, the public exercise of his gift.

Although he never travelled much abroad, yet in 1801, he performed a religious visit to the Northern parts of New-York Yearly Meeting, and in 1805, visited some of the Meetings of Friends in the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, and more extensively in Ohio, to the satisfaction, as appears, of Friends, and to the peace of his own mind; and till he began to feel the weight of declining years, he continued frequently and acceptably to visit the Meetings within our own Quarterly Meeting.

In his public communications, he was sound in doctrine, clear, lively and practical. He frequently dwelt with much earnestness upon the goodness of the Almighty, to his creature man; the great and unspeakable privileges he has conferred upon him; and was fervent in his exhortations to the impenitent, the careless, the indifferent, to those who are settled in a state of ease, to leave those things that we are sensible must separate from the enjoyment of heavenly favour, to come and participate in these blessed privileges, to take up the daily cross, to fight the good fight of faith, as the alone way to happiness here and hereafter. To those who had made some good beginning, who had set their faces Zionward, his language was full of encouragement to persevere to the end. — To the afflicted, whether in body or mind, he was truly a Minister of consolation; and this not only in public, but he was frequent in his visits to the house of mourning, and with feelings of deep sympathy poured in the wine and oil of Christian comfort, pointing the mind to Him who does not willingly afflict nor grieve the children of men; to Him who is a present Helper in every needful time. In supplication he was peculiarly fervent, evincing near access to the throne of grace. What added great weight to his ministry, was his truly circumspect deportment and consistency of life.

He possessed a sound and stable mind, with much accuracy and uniformity of temper, and from his habitual cheerfulness, enjoyed as much as most men in social intercourse with his friends; but his social and cheerful feelings were accompanied with gravity and with innocence and simplicity of manners; ever manifesting an uncommon regard to the feelings of others, that nothing should escape him that had a tendency unnecessarily to hurt or wound; and was peculiarly guarded as to whatever might lessen or injure the character of another. Possessed of a sweet and quiet spirit, Christian humility was indeed a conspicuous trait in his character, which led him to

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to prefer others to himself. By the blameless life and conversation, and the uprightness of his dealings among men, he endeared himself to all who were intimately acquainted with him, the youth as well as the aged, and was generally beloved and respected beyond the limits of the Society of which he was a member.

In his latter years he frequently made some allusion in his public communications, to his own religious experience, but always in a way that evinced true humility of mind. A few of these expressions have been preserved nearly in the words in which they were delivered, and it is thought may with propriety be introduced here. Addressing on one of these occasions, to 'an unprepared state of mind to meet the awful seat of judgment,' he remarked, "It is a very unpleasant state, I know it by living experience and therefore am I engaged the few remaining days that may be allotted unto me here, that I may so acquit myself in faithfulness, and in obedience unto my God, that I may feel at last the arm of Divine support, which indeed never failed any that are united in the heavenly union, and the marriage covenant of the Lamb, yea the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."— Referring to a childlike state of mind as necessary to receive the impressions of good, he added, "And I find in myself, the more I am willing to be taught and instructed as a little child, the more I experience of the covering of the Holy Spirit of our God, and I think it leads me more and more to impress this heart work upon others— Our hearts and minds must be changed."— A few months previous to his decease, after having spoken impressively at some length, he arose a second time, and said, "Under present impressions I think I can say, 'My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoiceth in God my Saviour— Glory be to his Name, he hath done wonderful things for me— My soul doth magnify the Lord.'— And at another time delivered himself in substance as follows:— "According to the measure of the grace of God given me, I have laboured and am willing to labour, for the good of souls— desiring that all may come to enjoy that which I enjoy, the peace of God,"— and concluded by observing, "It is not they who run well for a season, but they who continuing in the patience of the Saints, hold out to the end, that come into this enjoyment."

His ministry continued lively and edifying to the close. At the last Meeting which he attended, which was on fifth-day, the 17th of the second month, he spoke with much fervour of spirit, and in the course of his communication observed; "I think I can say from a degree of experience, that in the Father's house there is bread enough and to spare," and enlarging a little on the sub-

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turning efficacy of even a crumb from the Father's bountiful table," closed by weightily remarking, that "as his day's work was nearly accomplished, he felt more desirous of impressing these things, (upon which he had dwelt in his communication,) home to our feelings, and particularly the importance of a never, never ending eternity."

The succeeding day he was taken unwell. The symptoms of his disorder, which proved to be the lung fever, were not such at first as to excite apprehension as to the issue; but it gradually assumed a more unfavorable aspect, and after a confinement of a week, terminated with the close of life. During its continuance, he was remarkably composed, patient and resigned, quietly waiting the event. He expressed to one of his friends, in humble confidence, that all was well with him, and after making some further remark, added, 'tis this that makes a death bed easy.' He departed this life, early on the morning of the 25th of the 2^d month, 1825; and there can be no doubt that he has entered into peace, and gone to unite with the spirits of just men made perfect. He was aged 80 years and 9 months; a Minister about 43 years.

Signed on behalf and by direction of our Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at New Bedford, 23^d of this Month, 1826.

Abraham Shearman, Jun^r } Clks.
Mary Taber, ----- }

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 6th of 4th mo. 1826.

A Testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting respecting our worthy friend, James Davis, deceased, was read in this Meeting, and much unity being expressed therewith, the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

Abm. Shearman, Jun^r Clk.

Copy, as revised by the Meeting for Sufferings,
and approved by the Yearly Meeting,
6mo. 1826.

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July 1826.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket,
6th of 7th M^o 1826.

Accounts being received from our several M^o Meetings, the Friends therein named as Representatives, are,
for Sandwich, Daniel Bowerman, Lem Killey,
" Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Smith Brown,
" Nantucket, Ben^a Gardner, W^m Mitchell,
" Dartmouth, Isaac Lawrence, Howard Potter, Abr^l Russell,
" Westport, Sam^l Newitt, Jo^l Tripp, Peter Dowd,
" N. Bedford, Jo^l Davis, Amos^l Delano, Corn^l Howland,
" Nantucket N.D. James Barker, W^m Barney,
who are all present.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting,
report that they attended

We are informed by a Minute of our last
Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of Stock for
the service of that Meeting is \$232.—

The Auditors report, that they have settled
the Accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting,
and find a balance due him of \$43.49.

It is concluded, to raise four hundred Dollars
for the use of this Meeting for the year ensuing,
which our several Monthly Meetings are requested
to forward to our Treasurer, in the usual proportions.

An extract from the Minutes of our last
Yearly Meeting, embracing the report of the Board-
ing School Committee, was read, and copies thereof
directed to be forwarded to our several C. M^o Meetings.

Adjourned to the 14th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon.— Met by adjournment.

The Queries were read, with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

We unite, after a season of solid delibera-
tion, with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in approv-
ing the publick Ministry of George Mitchell,
with which the Women concur, and Russell Davis
is requested to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting
hereof. The Women's Meeting having informed us
that they have united with New Bedford Monthly
Meeting in disapproving the publick Ministry of
Experience Sherman, this Meeting, after weightily
considering the subject, concurs with them herein.

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The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, on the application from Westport M^o. Meeting, report that they gave attention to the object of their appointment, and have been informed that their advice in the case referred to their consideration, has been accepted by the M^o. Meeting - which is acceptable to us.

We are informed by Sandwich and Vantucket M^o. Meetings, that our esteemed friend John Warren of China M^o. Meeting, Maine, has recently visited friends of those M^o. Meetings, and that his company and services were acceptable to them.

The London general Epistle of last year was read in this Meeting to our satisfaction.

We unite, in concurrence with the Women, with Vantucket M^o. Meeting for the Northern District in the appointment of Rachel Swain to the place of an Elder.

We have had at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson, of Great-Britain, who produced satisfactory certificates of unity with her ministry, and with her present religious engagements in this Country, from the Monthly Meeting of Harborside West, & the Quarterly Meeting of Lancashire held in the 3^d. Month, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, in the 3^d. Month, 1824. Her Gospel labours have been to our comfort and edification.

Our friend Ruth Ely, companion to Elizabeth Robson, also acceptably attended this Meeting, with a Minnie from Solebury M^o. Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

The business bro't before this Meeting being accomplished, we propose to meet again in the tenth Month next, at Sandwich.

A. Sharnan, Secy

10th 1826

(At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich, 5th of 10th M^o 1826.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are, - For Sandwich, Prince Gifford, W. Seth Killey, Sam^l. Wing - Pembroke, Adam Brooks, Samuel Brown - Vantucket, Matt^o. Parney, Benj^o. Gardner - Dartmouth, Eben^o. Allen, Osmon Wood, Isaac B. Gifford - Westport, W^o. Macomber, Sam^l. Slade, John W. Gifford - New Bedford, Francis Taber, Job Eddy, Edw^o. Wing - Vantucket N. District, Obed Fitch, Sam^l. Mitchell. who are all present.

10th 1826

We are informed by Sandwich M^c. Meeting that it has directed the payment to our Treasurer, of its proportion of Stocks.

Stephen Rogers, Abel Akin, Paul Wing, Seth Killey, Benjamin Gardner, Corn^l. Howland, Isaac Macomber, Samuel Mitchell, Isaac R. Lippin, are appointed a Committee to take into consideration the subject of erecting a Stable or Shed, at Sandwich, make an estimate of the probable expense of such building or buildings as they may think suitable, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business brought before this Meeting is accomplished.

12th 1826

A Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 7th of 12th m^o. 1826.

Accounts being received from all our M^c. Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are for Sandwich, Matthias Sifford, Seth Killey, Pembroke, Adam Brooks, Stephen Rogers, Nantucket, John S. Coffin, Matthew Marney, Dartmouth, Isaac Lawrence, Seth Davis, Humphry Anthony, Westport, Isaac Macomber, Daniel Wilbur, Sam^l. Newitt, New Bedford, Job Otis, Reuben Russell, Jeremiah Wood, Nantucket N. District, James Parker, Obed Hitch, who are all present except Daniel Wilbur, whose attendance is prevented by ill health.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several M^c. Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d and 10th.

We are informed by Westport M^c. Meeting, that it has directed the payment to our Treasurer, of its proportion of Stock.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, made the following Report:

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting on the subject of erecting Stables at Sandwich, report, that they have given attention to the objects of their appointment, and propose to the Quarterly Meeting, that twenty open Sheds, sufficient to contain a horse and chaise each, or four horses without a carriage, be erected in such situations on the Meeting House Lot, as may be most agreeable to Friends of Sandwich M^c. Meeting. The whole expense they estimate at about four hundred Dollars, of which Friends of said M^c. Meeting will pay \$135.50—provided they have

the use of said Sheds, at all times when not wanted for the accommodation of the Quarterly Meeting.

Stephen Rogers, on behalf of the Committee.
New Bedford, 12th 7. 1826.

which being considered, is accepted, and Sandwich M^o. Meeting is requested to have Sheds erected, as proposed and report to this Meeting when accomplished.

The business bro't before this Meeting is concluded.

4th mo 1827

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New-Bedford, 5th of 4th M^o. 1827.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are, for Sandwich, Seth Killey, Ebenezer Wing, Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Daniel Otis, Nantucket, Prince Gardner, Mr W^m. Parney, Dartmouth, Caleb Shale, Seth Davis, James Tucker, Westport, John Wadsworth, Sam^l Shale, Sam^l. Newell, N. Bedford, Job Eddy, W^m. Tallman, Wm^m Davis, Nantucket, N. D. Tenas Gardner, Pelag Mitchell, &c. who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed, being expired, Abraham Shearman, is appointed Clerk, and Joseph Davis, Assistant Clerk, for the year ensuing.

We are informed, that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their proportions of Stock to our Treasurer.

We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public Ministry of William Sifford, and of Joshua Swift, with which the Women concur, and Tenas Gardner is requested to inform the select Meeting hereof;

We also unite with the Women's Meeting, in approving the appointment by New Bedford Monthly Meeting, of Elizabeth Hatch to the place of an Elder and in approving, in concurrence with the same M^o. Meeting, of the public Ministry of Sarah Davis.

Being informed by New Bedford M^o. Meeting, that Asa Smith has given notice to that Meeting of his intention of appealing from its judgment, denying him the right of membership, and he now appearing here to prosecute his appeal, we appoint Prince Sifford, Jun^r, Seth Killey, Daniel Otis, Stephen Rogers, Horakiah Swain, Prince Gardner, James Tucker, Isaac Lawrence, John W. Sifford, Samuel Newell;

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Jonas Farnow, & Peleg Mitchell, Jr. to hear the Ap-
pellant, and the Committee of New Bedford Monthly
Meeting, and report their judgment in the case to
our next Quarterly Meeting.

Being informed by Dartmouth M^o. Meeting
that it is concluded to rebuild the Meeting House
at Newtown; and our advice being requested, in
regard to the situation in which it will be best
to erect a new House, we appoint Job Otis, Job
Eddy, Isaac Macomber, Joseph Tripp, Stephen
Rogers, & Seth Killey to advise with friends of that
M^o. Meeting on the subject, and report to a fu-
ture Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting
embracing the further business of this Meeting, is
approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerks:

"To our next Yearly Meeting.

"Dear Friends

An extract from the Minutes of
your last Meeting, embracing the report of the Bound-
ing School Committee was read in this Meeting, and
copies thereof forwarded to our several M^o. Meetings.

Our Treasurer has paid our proportion of
Stock to your Treasurers.

The Queries were read, with answers from the
several M^o. Meetings, and the annexed summary com-
piled therefrom, directed to be forwarded to you.

We have united with Nantucket M^o. Meeting
in approving the public Ministry of Geo. Mitchell
— and with Nantucket M^o. Meeting for the N. District,
in the appointment of Rachel Swain to the place of
an Elder — with Sandwich M^o. Meeting in approving
the public Ministry of William Tifford, and Joshua
Swift — with New Bedford M^o. Meeting, in approving
the public ministry of Sarah Davis; and in the
appointment of Elizabeth Retch to the place of
an Elder — & with the same M^o. Meeting, in disapprov-
ing the public ministry of Experience Sharnan.

We appoint our friends Francis Taker,
Seth Killey, Peleg Mitchell, Jr. James Tucker, Jo-
seph Tripp, and Stephen Rogers, our Representatives
to your Meeting.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of our
Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at New Bedford
for Sandwich, 5th of 4mo. 1827.

Thos Sharnan, Jr. Clerk

1st All our meetings have been duly held, yet considerable deficiency is manifest in the attendance of them, and particularly of midweek Meetings and those for Discipline. The house is generally observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour, a few instances of sleeping excepted. Some care is taken in the above deficiencies. —

2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most friends, but not without some exceptions. Detraction appears to be generally guarded against, but not sufficiently so by all. Care is taken to end differences. —

3 Some friends are careful to bring up those under their direction as queried, and are exemplary herein themselves while others manifest too little concern in the maintenance of these testimonies; and in some instances, a want of example is apparent. — The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in most friends families. —

4 The use of spirituous liquors is mostly but not wholly, confined to medicinal purposes. Friends are mostly careful to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to preserve moderation on the occasions referred to.

5 Clear, as far as appears, except a few instances of placing out, which are under notice. —

6 Friends appear to be mostly careful in proceedings with respect to marriage, but not without exceptions. Some instances of deviation are under notice.

7 Our testimonies in these respects are generally maintained except a few instances of members attending the meetings of those where priests wages are paid. —

8 A good degree of care is maintained by most friends in these respects, yet there appears to be too much remissness in some instances. —

9 Our records are generally attended to. Yet there is some deficiency as respects the recording the births and deaths. A few removals without certificate are under notice. —

10 We believe care is generally taken to deal with offenders, in a good degree as queried and to place judgment according to discipline. —

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket,
5th of 7th Month, 1827.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this Meeting therein named, are ——— for —
Sandwich, Samuel Wing, Abiel Akin, Maliah Gifford,
Pembroke, Zaccheus Estes, Stephen Rogers,
Nantucket, Peter Macey, Prince Gardner,
Dartmouth, Abraham Russell, Abner Potter, Ben^g Tucker,
Westport, David Macomber, Joseph Tripp, Nath^l. Gifford,
New Bedford, Job Eddy, Corn^l. Howland, Francis Taber —
who being called, are all present.

We are informed by a minute of our last Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of Stock is two hundred & thirty-two dollars — which our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting, when the state of our funds permits.

The Auditors report, that they have settled the accounts of our Treasurer, and find a balance in his hands of fifty Dollars & three Cents.

It is concluded to raise Six hundred Dollars for the use of this Meeting for the year ensuing, which our several M^o. Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer, in the usual proportions.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met by adjournment.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, that they all attended.

The Queries were read, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d. & 10th.

An Epistolary communication from our last Yearly Meeting was received and read in this, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several M^o. Meetings.

An extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee was also received and read, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several M^o. Meetings.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, on the appeal of Asa Smith from the judgment of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, made the following Report.

"We the Committee of the Quarterly Meeting, appointed in the fourth month, to hear the appeal of Asa

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the 6th Month, 1827,

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee being read and considered, is approved, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly Meetings, that it may be transmitted by them to the several Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. Clerk.

THE YEARLY MEETING BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT :

That they have given their attention to the concerns of the Institution, during the past year, and it is satisfactory to them to be able to state to the Yearly Meeting, that it continues to afford an encouraging prospect of usefulness to the Society.

The School is still under the charge of ENOCH and LYDIA BREED, as Superintendents. ISAIAH JONES, DAVID DANIELS, GEORGE JONES, ABIGAIL PEIRCE, and MARY ALMY, are employed as Teachers. The average number of scholars, for the year past, has been one hundred and ten. Meetings for worship have been regularly held, and have frequently been attended by some of the committee. The family has been preserved in harmony, and the general conduct and improvement of the children have been satisfactory.

The account of the Treasurer of the School Fund has been received and audited. The receipts for board and tuition, together with the income of the fund, have proved about equal to the expenditure. It is again concluded to admit one child from each Monthly Meeting, six months, or two children, three months each, free of expense, provided their term be accomplished within the year succeeding the Yearly Meeting.

The Yearly Meeting having received the additional sum of fifty thousand dollars, the annual income of which was bequeathed for the benefit of this Institution, by our late friend OBADIAH BROWN, we have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting, be admitted after the first of Seventh-Month next, at fourteen dollars per quarter; and that the Committee consider such surplus as may remain, to be at their disposal in aid of the charitable fund of the Institution, having a prudent regard to the present and probable general expenses thereof.

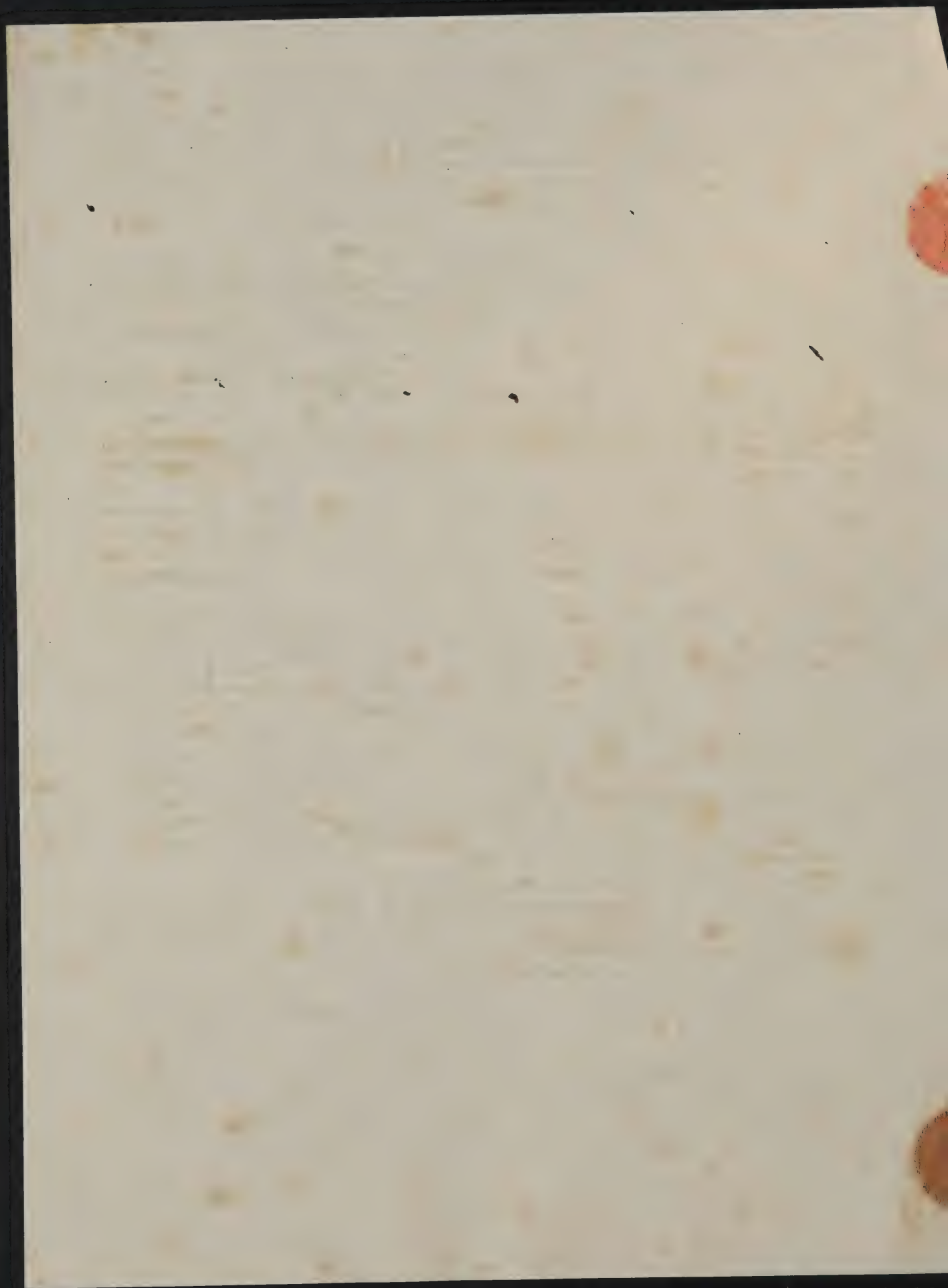
We are desirous that it may be generally understood, and particularly by the Committees of Monthly Meetings, that all applications for the admission of children, who are not members of our Society, must be made to the Acting Committee, at Providence; and that all applications for the admission of boys, who are members, if over the age of fourteen years, must be made to the same Committee, [which meets at the School-house, in Providence, on the third-day following the last fifth-day in each month.]

We feel it to be our duty, again to recommend to the attention of parents and others having the care of children, and to the Committees of Monthly Meetings, the previous advices of this Committee on the interesting subject of Plainness, and particularly the Minutes accompanying our Report in 1825, which were printed and distributed by direction of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

MOSES BROWN,
MARY A. ROBINSON.

Providence, 5th mo. 4th, 1827.



FROM OUR YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND, held on *Rhode-Island*,
in the 6th month, 1827.

TO OUR SEVERAL QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS.

DEAR FRIENDS,

IN contemplating the state of society as presented in the answers to the queries, a deep exercise was spread over this meeting on account of the many deficiencies in the support of our various testimonies, which they brought to view, and gave rise to much pertinent and feeling counsel and advice, and to the expression of an ardent desire for the removal of things which stand in the way of our advancement, as a highly professing people; and it was thought right that an endeavour should be made to convey to our absent brethren, such an account of these and other exercises, as friends have been dipped into at this season, as might lead them to participate therein, and have a tendency to strengthen and encourage the hands of the well concerned, to renewed labour in their respective allotments, and to awaken the careless and supine, to a sense of their danger.

We have on this as on former occasions, been sorrowfully affected to observe the great neglect of our religious meetings, (and particularly those held in the middle of the week,) which is apparent in many of our members; and we would affectionately inquire of such, as thus refuse to dedicate to this "reasonable service," a small portion of that *time* for which they are indebted to the continued mercy of their heavenly Father, by presenting their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto him, and to wait upon him for the renewal of their strength, how they can ever expect to advance in the christian path of self denial; or when they are called upon to give an account of their stewardship, when *time* to them is no longer allotted in a state of probation, to lay down their heads in peace?

A more diligent perusal of the holy Scriptures, and a frequent and reverent reading of them in our families, in a collective capacity, looking to Him for instruction, through whose inspiration they were given forth, was also feelingly recommended to us, and a lively testimony borne to the efficacy of this practice in rightly sustaining and centring the mind, during the various avocations and trials of the day.

Much exercise was felt on account of the dissemination and perusal of the pernicious and hurtful publications of the present time, which we believe cannot be more impressively conveyed to our absent brethren, than in the language of the discipline of this Yearly Meeting.—We "earnestly exhort all "parents, heads of families, and guardians of minors, that they prevent, as much as in them lies, their "children and others under their care and tuition from having and reading books and papers tending "to prejudice the profession of the Christian religion, to create the least doubt concerning the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, or of those saving truths declared in them, lest their infant and feeble "minds should be poisoned thereby, and a foundation laid for the greatest evils."—"And friends are "desired to be careful in the choice of all books in which their children and families read, seeing there "are many under the specious titles of promoting religion and morality, which contain sentiments "repugnant to the truth in Christ Jesus."

And as nearly connected with this interesting subject, the more guarded education of the children and youth of the Society, was feelingly recommended to our consideration; that their tender and susceptible minds may be preserved from the contaminating influence of improper examples and associations, not only leading them off from the simplicity of the Truth, and a submission to the restraints of the cross, in dress and address, and from a support of our testimonies against the vain amusements of the world, but in many instances opening the way for improper connections in marriage; and a fervent desire was expressed, that parents and others intrusted with the care of youth may more and more become sensible of the great responsibility of the charge committed to them, and labour after a right qualification to discharge it, as in the sight of Him to whom they must give an account.

We have at this as at other times, been painfully affected by the consideration, that some of our members continue to indulge themselves in the improper use of ardent spirits; a practice peculiarly reproachful to us, who profess herein, to hold up a standard to others; and particularly so, at a time when the subject has engaged the attention of other religious societies, who are making uncommon efforts to discountenance this great evil; and we entreat of all our members not to relax in their endeavours in this respect.

We have renewedly been made sensible, that a deeper individual engagement of mind, a more fervent labour for that bread which perisheth not, is too much wanting among us; but we have been encouraged by the belief, that there are those still remaining in the various classes of society, the aged, the middle aged, and the youth, in whom a heart-felt exercise for their own preservation and for the promotion of the cause of Truth is livingly maintained; and as these continue to look to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for direction and guidance in their humble endeavours; we are made thankful in believing that a blessing will attend their efforts for the removal of hurtful things from within our borders.

A more particular attention to answering the Queries in a full and explicit manner, as directed by the discipline, is recommended to, and enjoined upon, all our subordinate meetings.

Signed on behalf and by direction of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, jun. *Clerk.*

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Smith, against the judgment of New Bedford Monthly
Monthly Meeting, make the following report, viz. that
having fully heard the Appellant and the Committee of
that Monthly Meeting in the case, we unanimously
concur in confirming the judgment of the M^c. Meeting.

Samuel Newitt
Prince Gifford, Jun?
Leth Kelley
Stephen Rogers
James Tucker
Tenas Gardner
Herakiah Swain
Prince Gardner
Isaac Lawrence
Peleg Mitchell, &
Daniel Otis
John W. Gifford

which is accepted by this Meeting, — and the judgment of
said Monthly Meeting, denying him the right of mem-
bership, is confirmed — and James Tucker and Joseph Tripp
are requested to give this information to the Appellant.

Stephen Rogers, on behalf of the Committee ap-
pointed as by minute of our last Quarterly Meeting
to advise with Friends of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting
relative to the most eligible situation for a new Meeting
House, reports, that they attended to their appointment,
— and that the advice given appeared to be acceptable.

Our beloved friends Thomas Phillisoe and Anna
Praithewaiter, from Great Britain, attended this Meeting,
and produced satisfactory certificates of the unity of
their Friends with their present religious engagements
in this country. — Their company and Gospel labours
have been truly acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Isaac Praithewaiter, who
accompanies his Wife in her present visit, is also ac-
ceptably with us, and produced a satisfactory Certificate
of concurrence from Kendal M^c. Meeting.

We have also at this time the acceptable com-
pany of our beloved friend Sarah W. Upton, of Great
Monthly Meeting, State of New York?

The business bro't before this Meeting being
accomplished, we conclude.

[Certificates for Thos. Phillisoe, — from Hitchen M^c. Meeting, held
13th of 3rd mo 1825. Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Quarterly Meeting, held at Hert-
ford, 22^d of 3rd — and Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held in Lon-
don, 23rd and 25th of 5th mo & 2^d of 6th mo 1825. — Endorsements on Anna Praithe-
waiter's former Certificates, from Kendal M^c. Meeting 2^d of 1st mo 1827,
Westmoreland Quarterly Meeting held at Kendal, 5th of 1st mo, and the
yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, 12th of 3rd mo 1827.
Isaac Praithewaiter, Kendal M^c. Meeting 5th of 4th mo 1827.]

10 mo 1827

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich, 4th of 10 Mo 1827.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this Meeting, therein named, are,
For Sandwich, Prince Gifford, & Abel Akin, Eben. Wing.
" Pombooke, Stephen Rogers, Daniel Otis.
" Nantucket, Laban Paddock, Benj. Gardner
" Dartmouth, Osman Wood, Isaac Lawrence, Joseph Gifford.
" Westport, David Macomber, Philip Potter, Jr. Gifford, 3
" New Bedford, Francis Taber, Seth Russell, Wing Howland
" Nantucket, N. D. William Farney, Obed Fitch.
whose names being called, they are all present, but two.

The Queries were read, with answers, from our several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

This Meeting having been introduced into a weighty consideration of the state of Society, as opened to us at the present time, as well as in previous Meetings, we appoint Russell Davis, Prince Gifford, Junr. John R. Davis, Joshua Swift, George Mitchell, Obadiah Davis, & Abr^m Sharnman, to visit such of our Monthly, Preparative, and particular Meetings, and individuals, as way may open for in the Truth, and to labour in the ability that may be given them, for the support of our various testimonies; and to impart such advice and assistance as they may be qualified to afford.

We unite, in concurrence with the Women, with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary Wing, 2^d to the place of an Elder.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, to inform Asa Smith of the judgment of this Meeting, in his case, made the following report:

" To the Quarterly Meeting next to be held
" Dear Friends, at Sandwich.

" Agreeable to appointment we have informed Asa Smith that the Quarterly Meeting had confirmed the judgment of New Bedford Monthly Meeting in his disownment; and he stated to us, that he should appeal from the judgment of the Quarterly, to the Yearly Meeting.

New Bedford, 8th 29, 1827. James Tucker,
Joseph Tripp."

The appointment of a Committee to represent the case before the Yearly Meeting, is referred to the 4th mo next.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New-
Bedford, 6th of 12th mo: 1827.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Friends therein named as Representatives, are
For Sandwich, Zeno Kelley, Eben^d Wing, Daniel Powerman,
" Pembroke, Benjamin Parker, Daniel Otis,
" Nantucket, Peleg Macey, Isaac Mitchell,
" Dartmouth, Mr^{rs} Tucker, Abner Potter, James Tucker,
" Westport, Isaac Macomber, Emanuel Dowd, Dr^{rs} Macomber,
" N. Bedford, Parnabas Taber, Mr^{rs} Davis, Amariah Delano,
" Nantucket, V. D. Benjamin Percival, Peleg Mitchell, &c.
who are all present.

The queries were read, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2^d and 10th.

We are informed by the account from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, that that Meeting has caused Sheds to be erected as requested by this Meeting in the 12th month last. The expense of which is \$539.14. which after deducting \$135.50, etc. subscribed by Friends of that Monthly Meeting, leaves the sum of \$403.64 to be defrayed by the Quarterly Meeting — and which our Treasurer is requested to pay to such Friends as may be authorised by the Monthly Meeting to receive the same, whenever the state of the Treasury admits.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude.

A. Shearman, Jr. Clerk.

4th mo 1828

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
3^d of 4th Month, 1828.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this Meeting therein named, are
for Sandwich, Abel Thier, Paul Wing,
" Pembroke, Edward T. Little, Stephen Rogers,
" Nantucket, Moses Gardner, Peleg Macey,
" Dartmouth, Mr^{rs} Russell, Seth Davis, James Tucker,
" Westport, Samuel Shale, John Macomber, John S. Safford,
" New Bedford, Job Otis, Amariah Delano, Mr^{rs} Davis,
" Nantucket, V. D. Jonas Gardner, Charles E. Shubb,
who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed being expired, they are continued for the present time — and the Representatives who may be appointed to attend our next Quarterly Meeting, are requested then to propose the names of Friends whom they may consider suitable to be appointed.

The Queries were read, with answers from our several M^o. Meetings, and a summary thereof directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Yearly Meeting.

Nantucket and New Bedford M^o. Meetings inform, that their proportions of Stock have been paid to our Treasurer and Dartmouth and Nantucket N. Dist. that theirs has been directed to be paid.

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Asa Smith having informed us of his intention of appealing from the decision of this Meeting, confirming the judgment of New Bedford M^c Meeting in denying him the right of membership—We appoint James Tucker, Abraham Shearman, W. Prince Gifford, W. Francis Taber, and Cornelius Floeland to represent the case before the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of the minutes of this Meeting relative to the case. Signed on our behalf,

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk—viz

" To the ensuing Yearly Meeting
Dear Friends,

An epistolary communication from your last Meeting, with extracts from the minutes, embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, were received and read in this Meeting, and copies thereof forwarded to our several M^c Meetings.

Our Treasurer has paid our proportion of Stock to your Treasures.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with answers from our several M^c Meetings, and the annexed Summary, compiled therefrom, directed to be forwarded to you.

We have united with Sandwich M^c Meeting in the appointment of Mary Wing, 2^d to the place of an Elder.

We appoint our friends Abiel Atkin, Stephen Rogers, James Tucker, Parnabas Taber, Joseph Tripp, and Peleg Macey our Representatives to your Meeting.

Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich, 3d of 4th M^c 1828.

Abraham Shearman, Jr. Clk

The business bro't before this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude.

Summary

of answers to the Queries, (as last referred to.)

Ans. 1st. Our Meetings for religious worship on first days are attended by most of our Members—those on the middle of the week and for Discipline are neglected by many. The hour is generally observed. Some instances of sleeping are noticed. Mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. Some care is taken in the above deficiencies.

2. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most Friends; yet there is some deficiency herein.

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Destruction appears to be mostly guarded against, but not sufficiently so by all. When differences arise endeavours are used to end them?

3. Some Friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness; and to restrain them from reading books of a pernicious tendency, and from corrupting conversation, and are exemplary herein; while others do not appear to be sufficiently impressed with the importance of maintaining these testimonies. Some care has been taken. The Holy Scriptures, we think, are frequently read in most Friends' families.

4. Spirituous liquors are not wholly confined to medicinal purposes, by all our Members. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of public resort is mostly guarded against. Some care taken in cases of deficiency. Moderation & temperance appear to be maintained on the occasions referred to.

5. Clear, except a few instances of playing out from amongst Friends, which are under notice?

6. Friends appear, with a few exceptions, to be generally careful in these respects. Some instances of marrying out are under notice.

7. Friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this query.

8. A good degree of care appears to be maintained in these respects; yet there appears a remissness in some instances, in timely inspecting affairs and settling accounts.

9. Our records are attended to; yet there is some deficiency as respects births and deaths. A few removals without certificates are under notice.

10. Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried; and to place judgment according to discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket, 3d of 7th Month, 1838.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Friends therein named as Representatives, are, For Sandwich, Daniel Thurnman, Abraham Wing, Moses Swift, Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Calvin Shepherd, Nantucket, James Weeks, Prince Gardner, Dartmouth, Abraham Tucker, Daniel Gifford, Ben. Tucker, Westport, Joseph Tripp, Samuel Newell, Peter Devel, New Bedford, Edw. Wing, Caleb Shearman, W. Howard, Nantucket, J. D. James Dwyer, Jos. Dwyer, who are all present except Calvin Shepherd.

The Representatives having proposed Abraham Thurnman, junr. for Clerk, and Charles S. Stubby, for Assistant Clerk, they are appointed to that service for the year ensuing.

Stephen Rogers, on behalf of the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, reports that they attended.

We are informed by a minute of the Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of the Stock concluded to be raised by that Meeting, is \$270. 67 — which our Treasurer is requested to pay to them, when the state of the Treasury permits.

By a statement from the Auditors & Treasurer we are informed that there is a balance now due the Treasurer of this Meeting, of \$36. 77. — The Representatives having proposed that \$400. — should be raised for the service of the ensuing year, the proposition is united with. — The subject of an apportionment of this sum among the several Monthly Meetings, is referred to the consideration of the Representatives, who are requested to report at the adjournment of this Meeting.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. — Met by adjournment.
The following Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were read in this, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings, viz
[See printed Minutes annexed.]

The Report of the Boarding School Committee was also read, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded as above. [See printed Report annexed.]

The Queries were read, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, to the first, second, and tenth.

The Representatives propose that the sum which it was agreed to raise at the previous sitting, be apportioned as follows, viz:

Sandwich,	11 per cent	\$44
Pembroke,	4 —	16
Dartmouth,	13 —	52
Westport	11 —	44
Nantucket	20 —	80
New Bedford	31 —	124
Nantucket, AD. 10	—	40
		\$400. —

which is accepted by this Meeting, and said Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions to our Treasurer.

Our beloved Friend Hannah Harts Horne, of Threwsbury Monthly Meeting, New-Jersey, attended this Meeting, in which her company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude.

Abner Therman, Jr. Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich,
2d of 10th m^o 1828.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Friends therein named as Representatives, are, for Sandwich, Prince Gifford, H. Gideon Wing, Zeno Killey — Sambrook, Stephen Rogers, Samuel Brown — Vantucket, Samuel Macey, John Paddock — Dartmouth, Abraham Russell, Abner Potter, Humph. Anthony — Westport, John W. Gifford, Philip Potter, Samuel Pade, — New Bedford, Job Eddy, Barn. Taber, Caleb Thourman — Vantucket, I. D. — Texas Landrus Charles L. Hubbs. who are all present.

An Epistle from our late Yearly Meeting, addressed to its subordinate Meetings and Members, was read in this Meeting, and much unity expressed therewith.

The Queries were read, with answers from our several M^o Meetings to the 1st, 2^d and 10th.

We unite, after solid consideration, with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Seth Davis to the place of an Elder, with which the Women concur, and James Tucker is named to inform the Select Meeting thereof.

We also unite with the Women's Meeting in approving the appointment by New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Silvia Grinnell to the place of an Elder.

The Committee appointed by this Meeting in the 10th month last year, to visit our subordinate Meetings, and for other purposes, — report, "That as way has opened for it, they have given attention to the objects of their appointment, and that they have at different times had under consideration the situation of the two Monthly Meetings held on Vantucket, and the propriety of uniting them so as to form one Monthly Meeting, and have been led to believe that such an union would tend to the benefit of Society. — Those Meetings have been visited by several of the Committee, and they are now united in judgment, that this is a suitable time for the subject to claim the attention of the Quarterly Meeting."

Which was feelingly considered, and united with by this and the Women's Meeting, — and it was referred to the Friends now under appointment, with the addition of Abiel Akin, Job Otis, Cornelius Howland, and Daniel Powerman, to extend further care herein, visit the two Monthly Meetings, and introduce the subject for their consideration, by laying before each Meeting a copy

of this Minute, and endeavouring in the ability that may be afforded, to open the way in the minds of Friends for uniting with the proposition — and make report to a future Meeting.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
4th of 12mo. 1828.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, except those held on Nantucket, the Friends therein named as Representatives to this Meeting, are,
For Sandwich, Abiel Akin, Stephen Dillingham,
Pembroke, Lucius Estes, Stephen Rogers,
Dartmouth, Thomas R. Wilbur, Seth Davis, Thos. Anthony,
Westport, David Macomber, Dr. W. Gifford, Isaac Macomber,
New Bedford, Job Eddy, Abr. M. Davis, Amariah Delano,
who are all present.

Westport M. Meeting informs, that it has directed its proportion of Stock paid to our Treasurers.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several M. Meetings from which accounts were received, to the first, second, & tenth.

Being informed by New Bedford M. Meeting that it has concluded to release William Rotch, jun. from the station of an Elder, as by a minute annexed to their account — It is concluded to refer the further consideration of the subject to our next Quarterly Meeting, — under the care of a Committee, to which service we appoint Abiel Akin, James Tucker, Isaac Lawrence, and Stephen Rogers, who are requested to make report to that Meeting.

The business brought before this Meeting, having been acted upon, we conclude.

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At New Bedford M^c. Meeting, held 23rd of 10 m^c. 1828.

William Rotch, Jun^r. having in our last Monthly Meeting requested to be released from the station of an Elder, on the grounds of want of unity with the minutes or conclusions of the Yearly Meeting, which were read in this Meeting in the 7th. m^c. last, we do, after deliberately considering the case, think it best (at the same time that we feel unity with the conclusions referred to,) to release him as requested, and no longer consider him as standing in the station of an Elder, and the Woman concurring herein, the subject is referred to the Quarterly Meeting.

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4 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
2d of 4th Mo: 1829.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings the Friends therein named as Representatives to this Meeting are for Sandwich, Maltiah Gifford, Abel Akin, Paul Wing, Pembroke, Calvin Shepherd, Daniel Otis, -----
" Nantucket, Benjamin Gardner, Herakiah Swain, ...
" Dartmouth, Isaac Lawrence, James Tucker Isaac N. Gifford,
" Westport, Samuel Glade, Joseph Tripp, David Macomber,
" N. Bedford, Francis Taber, George Howland, M^{rs} Davis,
" Nantucket N. D. Obed Titch, James Parker, -----
who are all present but one.

Nantucket, Dartmouth, and New Bedford Monthly Meetings inform, that their proportions of Stock have been paid to our Treasurers.

The Queries were read, with answers from our several M^o. Meetings, and a summary therefrom directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Yearly Meeting.

After a time of weighty consideration, this Meeting united with the Women's Meeting in approving the publick appearances in the Ministry of Huldah Gifford, of Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

The Committee on the subject of uniting the Meetings on Nantucket, made the following report, viz.

"To the Quarterly Meeting

"The Committee to whom was referred the subject of uniting the two Meetings on Nantucket, so as to form one Monthly Meeting, - do lay before those Meetings a copy of the Minute made on that subject in the Tenth month last, and to endeavour to reconcile the minds of Friends to the proposed union; report, that several of their number attended those Meetings in the 10th Month last, and some of them several times since, and have endeavoured in the ability afforded, to answer the objects of their appointment, that the South Meeting, and a part of the North Meeting appear to be fully united with the concern of the Quarterly Meeting, in the proposed union. - and that the Committee are united in believing that the time has fully come for such an union to take place; and that usefulness is likely to result therefrom.

The Committee would propose for the union to take place in the fifth month next.

On behalf of the Committee,

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John R. Davis
Mary Card.

which being read & considered, is accepted, and the two Meetings are accordingly united, so as to constitute one Monthly Meeting, in the fifth month next; and it is concluded that the Meetings be held in the following order, viz. in the 2^d, 3^d, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th months, at the South house; & in the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th months, at the North house, on the last fifth day in each month; and that the name of the Meeting be Panucket Monthly Meeting; — with which the Women's Meeting unites, — and John R. Davis, Calvin Shephard, Daniel Bowdman, Isaac Lawrence, and Joseph Tripp, [with Susan Howland, Mary Card, Anna Macomber, and Mary Elisby, added by the Women's Meeting,] are appointed to attend the opening of the united Meeting, and render such assistance or advice as way may, open for, and report at our next Quarterly Meeting. And the Clerk is directed to furnish those Meetings, respectively, with a copy of this Minute.

The Committee in the case of William Rotch, jun. made the following report, "To the Quarterly Meeting,

"Dear Friends, We, a Committee appointed by our last Quarterly Meeting, to have the care of a case referred from New Bedford Monthly Meeting to the Quarter, in regard to William Rotch, Jun. have attended to the subject of our appointment. And it has appeared to us, that he has become disqualified from holding the station of an Elder, which is manifested by his own expressions of want of unity with the doings or conclusions of our last Yearly Meeting. And it is our judgment that he be dismissed from the Select Meeting,

From your Friends,

Abiel Aken,

James Tucker

Isaac Lawrence.

New Bedford, 2^d of 4th mo. 1824.

which being considered, is accepted, and we accordingly dismiss him from the station of an Elder, with which the Women's Meeting unites; and James Tucker is appointed to inform the Select Meeting hereof.

The following account to our Yearly Meeting being read, was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk, viz.

"To the ensuing Yearly Meeting,

"Dear Friends,

Minutes of your last Meeting, relative to the state of Society in some of the Yearly Meetings on this Continent; and directing the manner of intercourse by Certificate and otherwise, with the Meetings of Friends

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within their limits - also an extract from the Minutes, embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee - and an Epistolary Communication to the Subordinate Meetings & Chambers, - were received, and severally read in this Meeting; - and copies thereof forwarded to our Monthly Meetings.

Our Treasurer has paid to you our proportion of Stock.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, and the annexed Summary compiled therefrom, directed to be forwarded to you.

We have united with Dartmouth M^c. Meeting in the appointment of Seth Davis; and with New Bedford in the appointment of Silvia Grinnall, to the station of Elders - also with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the publick Ministry of Huldah Gifford. We have also dismissed William Rotch, jun^r. from the station of an Elder, he having been previously released by New Bedford M^c. Meeting.

We appoint our Friends Prince Gifford, Jun^r. Daniel Otis, Samuel Macey, Francis Taber, Jos^s Otis, and Joseph Shipp, our Representatives to your Meeting.

Signed on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting,
held at New Bedford, 2^d of 4th M^c. 1829.
Charles G. Stubbs, Assis^t Clerk.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished we conclude.

Summary of Answers to the Queries above referred to.

Ans^r 1st. All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been duly held, except one, on account of the roads being impassable; but neglect is manifest in the diligent attendance of them, and particularly of midweek meetings, and those for discipline. The hour is nearly observed. Except a few instances of sleeping, mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour. - Some care has been extended.

2^d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most Friends, and detraction guarded against, yet not without some exceptions. When differences have appeared, care has been taken to end them.

3^d. Some Friends appear to be careful to bring up those under their care in plainness; while others are not sufficiently careful herein. The reading of pernicious books is not wholly avoided, nor is the corrupt conversation of the world sufficiently guarded against by all. A good example is wanting in some. The Holy Scriptures are generally read in Friends' families.

4th. Friends generally, are careful in the several parts of this query; a few instances of deviation are under notice.

5th. The circumstances of the Poor are attended to. The other part clear, with one exception?

6th. Not all so careful in their proceedings with respect to marriage, as Discipline requires. Some care taken.

7th. Clear, except one instance of paying, a military fine, which is under notice?

8th. Friends appear to be mostly careful in these respects; yet there are some exceptions, which are under notice?

9th. Marriages are all recorded—Births and Deaths not fully. A few instances of removal without Certificate etc under notice?

10th. Care is generally taken to deal with offenders, in a good degree as queried; and to place judgment, in the authority of Truth, according to our Discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantuxket
24th of 7th mo. 1820

Accounts were received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named to this Meeting are

For Sandwich, Abel Shinn, Joshua Wins, Nathaniel Gifford.

Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Sidas C. Shepherd.

Nantuxket, William Mitchell, Samuel Mitchell,
Laban Tabbotack.

Dartmouth, Aba^m. Russell, Isaac Lawrence,
Isaac R. Gifford.

Westport, David Macomber, Nath^l. Gifford,
John A. Gifford.

New Bedford, Francis Taber, Job Otis, Joseph
Davis, George Almy.

who are all present.

Our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

Our beloved friend Thomas Shellaboe of Great Britain, who attended this meeting in the 7th mo. 1827, and then produced satisfactory certificates of the unity & concurrence of his friends at home, is again acceptably with us at this time.

Our beloved friends George & Ann Jones of Great Britain, and Elizabeth Pitfield of Philadelphia, being now acceptably with us, produced certificates of the unity & concurrence of their respective meetings, which were read to our satisfaction.

Our friend Henry Smith jun^r, who accompanies our friends George & Ann Jones is also acceptably with

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was, and produced a satisfactory minute from
Philadelphia Mt^g. Meeting for the Southern District.

We are informed by a minute of our
last Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of Stock
is \$400. which our Treasurer is requested to pay
to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, when the state
of the Treasury admits.

The auditors report they have settled
with our Treasurer, & find a balance in his
hands of \$41.55.

The Representatives propose that 300 \$
be raised for the service of the ensuing year,
in the following proportions, viz. —

Sanwich	13 per cent	—	\$ 39.
Pembroke	5	—	15
Sandwich	20	—	60
Dartmouth	15	—	45
Westport	14	—	42
New Bedford	33	—	99
			\$ 300

which is satisfactory to this meeting, and our
several Mt^g. Meetings are requested to forward
their respective proportions, as above agreed upon
to our Treasurer.

The Representatives having proposed
Charles G. Stubbs as Clerk, & William Mitchell Assis.
Clerk of this meeting, they are accordingly appointed
to that service, for the year ensuing.

Adjourned to the 14th. hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

The London Yearly Meeting General Epistle, was
acceptably read in this meeting.

The queries were read in this meeting
with answers from ~~four~~ our several Mt^g. Meetings
to the first, second, & tenth.

Sandwich Mt^g. Meeting informs, that
it has come to the conclusion to dismiss Mark
Cotton from the station of an Elder, on account of
the state of his pecuniary affairs, which with
the concurrence of the women's meeting is
united with, and Abel Nicks is appointed
to inform the Select Meeting hereof.

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The report of the Yearly Meetings Boarding School Committee for the past year, has been read, and copies thereof, directed to be forwarded to our several M^t. Meetings. (See printed sheets annexed)

The Committee to attend the opening of the united meeting on Nantucket make the following Report viz

"The Committee appointed in fourth month last to attend the opening of the united Meeting on Nantucket in the fifth month. Report that most of them attended; and may inform that the business was orderly conducted, and a good degree of harmony apparent in those who attended.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

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Laniel Bowers and
Mary Card

which is submitted to this meeting.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished we conclude.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich
1st of 10th mo 1829

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are

From Sandwich, Samuel King, William Gifford,
Thomas Skinner.
Dorchester, Daniel Ellis, Calvin Sheppard.
Sandwich, Benjamin Pascoe, Mary May, Samuel May.
Dorchester, Seth Davis, Anne Potter, Lillie Gifford.
Westport, Samuel Snow, Samuel Stude, John W. Gifford.
New Bedford, Simon Skinner, Colob Shearman, Cornilus Howland
who are all present but one, for whose absence,
a satisfactory reason was assigned.

New Bedford M^t. Meeting informs that its proportion of Stock has been paid and Treasurer
The Surveys were read in this meeting,
with answers from our several M^t. Meetings to
the first, second & tenth.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island,
from the 14th to the 18th inclusive, of 6th mo. 1829.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was read and considered, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings,
From the Minutes of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JR. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT, That in pursuance of their appointment they have paid attention to the superintendence of the Institution for the year past, and believe that its various concerns have been conducted in accordance with the design of Friends in its establishment; and meetings for worship have been regularly kept up.

The School has been conducted during the past year under the care of ENOCH and LYDIA BREED as Superintendents, who still remain in that capacity, and STEPHEN and HANNAH GOULD have been usefully engaged as assistants in the cares of the Institution, for a few months past. ISAIAH JONES, MOSES MITCHELL, JOSEPH HOAG; ABIGAIL PIERCE, MARY ALMY, LYDIA B. ALLEN, and SARAH FRY, have been engaged as Teachers, during most of the year. Several of these have left or are about leaving the School, and the Committee have made and are making arrangements to supply their places.

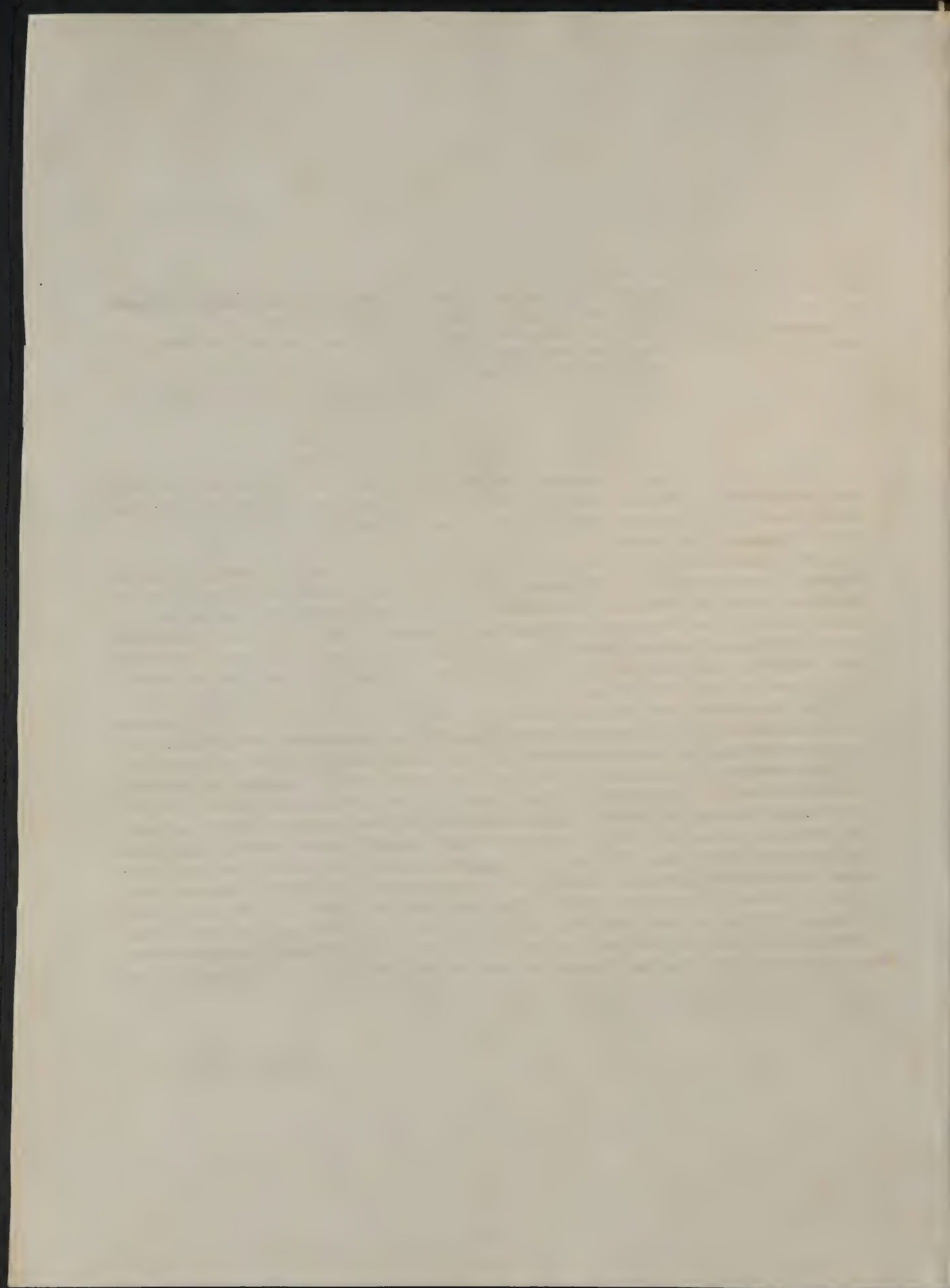
The greatest number of Scholars at any one time as reported to the Committee, was one hundred and eighty-four; the average number during the year, one hundred and thirty-five; and the good conduct and improvement manifested, has been generally satisfactory to the Committee.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund and of the Superintendent have been received and audited, and the state of the Fund is such that the Committee think it safe to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve dollars and a half per quarter, and that the several Monthly Meetings again have the privilege of sending one child through the year, or two children six months each, free of expense; and that when, from any peculiarity of circumstances, the Committees of Monthly Meetings may consider it desirable to send a child for three months only, they have the liberty of doing it, provided that no more than two children be at the Institution at one time from the same Monthly Meeting, on this privilege. And being apprised that the two Monthly Meetings on Nantucket have been united into one Meeting, the Committee after considering the circumstance, propose that the united Meeting have the same privilege of sending children to the School, as has heretofore been enjoyed by the two Monthly Meetings separately.

Signed on behalf of the Committee, by

Providence, 5th mo. 8, 1829,

MOSES BROWN,
MARY B. ALLEN,



829 0 mo. Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, embracing a list of correspondents appointed by the Yearly Meetings in written notes, to receive and forward removal and other certificates, and an additional article of discipline, have been read, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several m^c meetings.

(See printed sheets preceding)

The committee appointed in the 10th month 1827. make the following report: which is accepted; and they released from any further attention to the services for which they were appointed, and which have been satisfactory to this meeting.

Report.

To the Yearly Meeting. The committee appointed in the 10th m^c 1827 have continued since their last report, to give some attention to the object of their appointment, and have laboured as way has opened; and although we are sensible, that there are many deficiencies amongst us - and that a committee would still be useful - it is the united judgment of the present committee and better be released at this time, which we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee.

George M. Hall

Amos Magomber

We have had acceptably at this time, the company and services, of our friends John Wilbur, & Amos Nichols, of South Kingston. M^c Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to furnish them, with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude

12 mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Kent's Bedford 3. of 12th mo 1820.

Accounts being received from all our m^c meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are

in Sandwich - Robert King, Nathan P. Ford, Thomas Ford
 in Bedford - Samuel Brown & Daniel C. Coker
 in Nantuxet - Peleg Macy & John Badolack
 in Truro - Isaac Lawrence, Amos Tucker, Roman Ford
 in Westport - Isaac Magomber, Joseph Ship, Daniel Wilbur
 in Kent Bedford - George Housland, Abraham Davis, Amos & Bellano, who are all present.

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Westport Mth Meeting informed, that it has directed its proportion of stock to be paid our Treasurer.

The queries were read, with answers from our several Mth Meetings to the first, second and tenth.

It having been proposed, that a committee be appointed by this meeting, for the general help and encouragement of our subordinate meetings and members; the subject, after solid consideration, is deferred until our next Quarterly Meeting;

Our Friend Miss Greene attended this meeting and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Salem Mth Meeting which, with her company and services have been acceptable to us.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 1st of 4th mo - 1830.

A letter having received from all our Mth Meetings the queries therein named as representative to this meeting are,

from Sandwich, Nathan Cofford, Seth Kelley, Pembroke, Adam Brooks, Calvin Shepherd, Sandwich, Isaac Lane, Isaac Abbott, New Bedford, John Smith, John Smith, New Bedford, Seth Davis, Ben. Tucker, Abraham Russell, Westport, Isaac Macomber, John H. Smith, Westport, New Bedford, Abraham Davis, Capt. Freeman, New Bedford, who are all present.

Sandwich, New Bedford and Sandwich Mth Meetings inform, that their proportion of stock has been paid our Treasurer.

The queries were read, with answers from our several Mth Meetings, and a summary therefrom directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Yearly Meeting.

The following minutes from the meeting for offerings were read, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several Mth Meetings and our monthly meetings are requested to report to this meeting, with respect to the minutes relating to the Scriptures.

The following account to our Yearly Meeting being made, is approved, and directed to be signed by the clerk.

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To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford
for New England.

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Dear Friends,

Extracts from the minutes of your
last meeting, embracing a list of corresponding appointments in
other Yearly Meetings in union with ours, and an addi-
tional article of discipline, with the report of the
Boarding School Committee, have been received and read
in this meeting, and copies thereof forwarded to our W^o.
Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid
your treasurer.

The Queries were read in this
meeting, with answers from our several W^o. Meetings,
and the annexed summary of their contents being
approved, was directed to be forwarded to you.

We have united with Warrenton
W^o. Meeting, in dismissing Black Coffee from the
table of an Elder.

We appoint our friends James Tucker,
Joseph Davis, Cornelius Howland, Seth Peck,
Amie Jackson, and Stephen Rogers our representatives
to your meeting.

Signed on behalf of Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 1st of 4mo.
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Chas. P. Hubbs Clerk.

Albion you the meeting for affairs
concern being manifested in this direction, that all
the families of Friends may be in the possession of
the Holy Scriptures, it is recommended to our Quarterly
and Monthly Meetings, to make inquiry throughout
their respective meetings whether any deficiencies exist
in this respect, and report to this meeting the
result of such inquiries that steps may be taken to
supply such families as are deficient, if any such be
found; and the Clerk is directed to furnish each
Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of a
Meeting for Sufferings held by adjournment at
Providence 16th of 2 mo 1830
Chas. P. Howland Clerk

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Minutes from the Meeting for Sufferings

This Meeting having taken into consideration the subject of making provision for the accommodation of the approaching Yearly Meeting, are of opinion that no small expense should be incurred as the nature of the case will admit of; they therefore recommend that such minds as are of ability to attend the Yearly Meeting should bear their own expenses — But that those who may not consider themselves able so to do, who reside South of a line from Boston running West to Connecticut River be at liberty to avail themselves of such provision as may be made by this Meeting, and herein we include Friends of the island of Nantucket, and Representatives from all the Quarterly Meetings — The Clerk is directed to furnish Rhode Island, Sandwich, and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings with copies of this minute.

" Extract from the minutes of a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence by adjournment 16th of 2nd mo. 1830

Thos. Howland Clerk

On the subject of the appointment of a committee, as expressed in a minute of our last Quarterly Meeting, claiming our solid consideration, it is the sense of this meeting, that the proper time for such an appointment has not come, and the subject is therefore dismissed.

Our friend Sarah Tucker, in a weighty manner opened in this meeting a concern which has rested on her mind for some time past, to perform a religious visit, to some of the meetings belonging to New York Yearly Meeting, as expressed in a Certificate of concurrence, of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting; which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, the unity and sympathy of Friends were expressed therewith, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospects as with many direct.

The Clerk is directed to inclose the substance of this minute, on the Certificate from the ab^{ve} Meeting and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

Job Eddy, Abraham Shearman jun^r & George Howland are appointed, to advise with the friend now set at liberty to travel, as by above minute, and render any necessary assistance, preparatory to the commencement of her visit.

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Since our last Quarterly Meeting, our friend Mrs. Thorne has attended several of our meetings, in accordance with the certificate from Salem St. Meeting produced at that time; which with her company and services, being acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed to furnish her, with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished was concluded.

Summary of the testimonies to the Quaker.

1. The 1st. All meetings for worship & discipline have been well kept, and generally attended by most of our members; while others are scrupulous and, particularly as it respects mid-week meetings and those for discipline. The hour is nearly observed - Most of us of unbecoming behaviour, a few instances of sleeping, excepted. Some care has been expended.

2. Love and unity appear to be maintained in a good degree by most Friends, yet there is some blemish, - detraction mostly guarded against. Endeavours are used to end differences when they appear.

3. A considerable number of Friends appear to be concerned, to bring up the up and down there care in their minds as queries, and to restrain them from reading ^{pernicious books} and from carrying on conversation, while others appear to be too scrupulous in a faithful discharge of these duties: and in some instances a good example, particularly as it regards prayer is wanting. We observe the Holy Scriptures are ^{frequently} read in Friends families, and we think there is a salutary result.

4. The use of spirituous liquors might be confined to medicine. The frequenting of taverns and places of public resort must be carefully guarded against by all, as would be best. An honest intemperance prevails in the cases alluded to.

5. The circumstances of the poor are attended to: most of them careful as respects placing out.

6. Friends are generally careful in these respects, yet not without some exceptions.

7. It is so far as appears Friends are generally careful to maintain our testimonies in these respects.

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Nov 11th believe themselves most careful
in these respects, but not without some exceptions.

9th Marriages are all recorded: some deficiencies
in the record of births & deaths. A few removals
without certificates are under notice.

11th Care is ever taken to deal with offenders
in a good sense as possible, and exhortations are used
to place judgment in the authority of church, according
to discipline?

of one At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nan-
tucket 1st of 7th mo. 1830.

Accounts being received from all our
Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named
to this meeting, are:

For Sandwich, Peter Tappan jun^r, Stephen Holloway,
Zeno Kelley.

" Falmouth, Calvin Shepherd, Moses S. Rogers.

" Nantucket, W^m. Mitchell, Benⁿ. Gardner, Laban Sadorack

" Dartmouth, Abner Pottle, Aba^m. Russell, Benⁿ. Pottle

" Westport, John Macomber, Samuel Sewall, Adrian
Davis

" New Bedford, Abraham Davis, Francis Taber
George Howland.

who are all present.

The Representatives having proposed Charles
D. Stubbs as Clerk, and William Mitchell as As-
sistant Clerk of this meeting; the proposition
is united with, and they appointed to that
service for the ensuing year.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting
Report they attended.

We are informed by a minute of our late
Yearly Meeting that our proportion of Stock is 240 dollars
which our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Yearly
Meeting's Treasurer when the state of the treasury admits.

The Auditors report they have settled with
our Treasurer, and find a balance in his hands
of nearly five dollars eight cents.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island,
from the 13th to the 18th, inclusive, of the sixth month, 1830.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT, That they have during the past year, endeavoured to promote the objects confided to their care by the Yearly Meeting, in the superintendence of the Institution; and are thankful in being able to state, that its various concerns have been conducted in a good degree in accordance with the design of Friends in its establishment. Meetings for worship have been regularly kept up; and the family preserved in harmony.

The School is continued under the immediate charge of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as Superintendents, in which they have the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould.—Benjamin B. Hussey, Moses Mitchell, Joseph Hoag, Deborah Ramsdell, Lydia B. Allen, and Sarah Fry, have been employed as Teachers, during most of the past year, with the exception of Benjamin B. Hussey, whose state of health was such in the autumn, as to render it necessary for him to retire from the School. During his absence Joseph Healey was employed as an associate Teacher. Benjamin B. Hussey is again about to resume the discharge of his former duties; and Moses A. Cartland has been recently engaged as an Assistant in the Boys' department, and Phebe Burgess in the Girls'.

The average number of scholars, during the year, has been one hundred and twenty-seven.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund, and of the Superintendent, have been received, and audited, and the state of the Fund continues to be such, as to induce the Committee to propose that Children who are members of this Yearly Meeting, continue to be admitted at twelve and a half dollars per quarter, and that the privilege of sending Children, free of expense, be continued, as last year.

The Committee being clearly of the opinion, that Children would receive much greater benefit by being sent to the School for a term of time not less than six months, Friends and Monthly Meetings are therefore advised not to send them for a shorter space of time, when it can be conveniently avoided.

Friends are also advised not to send Boys over the age of fourteen years to the School, until they have first obtained the approbation of the School Committee, which meets at Providence the third day after the last fifth day in each month.

On behalf of the Committee,

Providence, 5 mo. 7, 1830.

MOSES BROWN.
MARY B. ALLEN.

At the Yearly Meeting aforesaid,

An Essay, entitled "The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the American Continent," prepared by the General Committee, composed of Committees from all the Yearly Meetings in America, (which convened in Philadelphia, in the 7th month last,) was read before our Meeting of Men and Women Friends, collectively assembled, and being deliberately considered, was cordially, unitedly, and fully approved, as embracing a concise declaration of the doctrines and testimonies which have always been held by our Society. This Document having now been approved by all the Yearly Meetings of Friends in this country, the Clerk was directed to add to this minute, in the extracts to be sent down, that the necessary arrangements have been made for printing it, and that the several Quarterly Meetings will be supplied, by the Meeting for Sufferings, with a sufficient number of copies to furnish one to each family of Friends within their respective limits.

The subject of marrying in the kindred by Affinity, having been brought under the view of this Meeting, received its solid and deliberate consideration; and it is concluded that the construction of our Yearly Meeting, as particularly defined in the year 1773, [namely, That our members be not allowed to marry a deceased wife's sister, or a deceased husband's brother,] shall hereafter be considered as the construction to be given to our present Discipline.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Minute to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, to be inserted in the Books of Discipline in their possession.

Copied, by direction, from the Minutes of said Meeting, by

Abner Shearman, Jr. Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in the sixth mo. 1830.

DURING the consideration of the state of the Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries, much pertinent and feeling counsel and advice was freely offered. We were impressively reminded, that love to God is the foundation of love to the brethren, and that where this love pervades the mind, there will be no neglect of the important duty of assembling ourselves together for the purpose of worshipping Him, from whom are all our blessings, and who calls for this, as a reasonable service at our hands; and that dwelling in this love, we should be favoured to witness preservation from that estrangement of feeling towards our brethren, which once finding a place in the human mind, and being there cherished, has led, step by step, to the most awful and desolating consequences. We were at the same time, emphatically reminded of the more subtle transformations of the enemy of all good, in his appearances as an angel of light, and faithfully admonished of impending danger to those who should listen to his artful insinuations; from which increased watchfulness, humility, and dedication, could alone preserve us.—The subject of plainness of apparel and deportment was feelingly adverted to, as not only consistent with our profession, and right in itself, but as a means of preservation from unprofitable associations, leading the mind from the simplicity of the Truth into the spirit and maxims of the world, and the contaminating influences of fashionable life. It was adverted to, as manifesting in the Youth, not only an evidence of the care, on the one hand, of a Parent, concerned to promote the best interests of his beloved Children, and on the other, of youthful obedience and regard to the feelings of such a parent; but, as manifesting, in many instances, the operation of Divine grace on the heart, leading to its adoption from principle. Parents were fervently entreated not to relax in the exercise of a watchful care, in this and other respects, but to seek for that qualification which will increasingly enable them to take the children by the hand, and in the impressive language of example as well as precept, call upon them, to follow them as they are endeavouring to follow Christ; that thus they may grow up as tender plants; and that instead of the fathers, there may be the sons, rightly qualified to take their places, in a faithful discharge of the important duties that must ere long devolve upon them.—The advantages of an early and of a continued acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, by a frequent and attentive perusal of them, was feelingly dwelt upon.—We were also forcibly reminded of the importance of a faithful maintenance of our testimony in regard to the use of spirituous liquors, particularly at a time when the public mind is becoming so fully convinced on this subject—and of bearing a faithful testimony to our belief in the peaceable nature of the Redeemer's kingdom, and against the spirit of war. On the latter subject, a feeling appeal was made to our members in the younger walks of life, to evince their gratitude for the favours which are extended to them in an exemption from the burthen of military services, by great circumspection in giving no just occasion to any, to call in question the sincerity of their profession, by being present as spectators at military parades, or otherwise; but that in all their conduct, they may shew to others, that they are indeed "conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms," and thus become qualified to advance the cause of Peace and Truth in the earth.—Which being in unison with the concern of this Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward transcripts of this Minute to our several Quarterly Meetings.

We are informed by NEW-YORK YEARLY MEETING, that the following Friends are appointed Correspondents, for the purpose of authenticating Certificates, in the place of Friends deceased, viz:

James Birdsall, of Marlborough Mo. Meeting, Cornwall Quarterly Meeting—address, Newburgh, Orange Co. N. Y.
David Aldrich, of East Hoosack Mo. Meeting, Easton Quarterly Meeting—address, South Adams, Berkshire Co. Mass.
James Robson, of Hartland Mo. Meeting, Farmington Quarterly Meeting—address, Johnson's Creek, Niagara Co. N. Y.

By BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING,—that it has appointed,
For Gunpowder Mo. Meeting, Jesse Scott, John Scott;

Deer Creek Mo. Meeting, Samuel Worthington, Elisha Cook;

Nottingham and Little Britain Mo. Meeting, Thomas Waring, Joseph Balance, jun.

as Correspondents, in addition to those appointed last year; one of whom is to sign, in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks, all minutes and certificates issued by their Monthly or Quarterly Meetings for members or ministers of our religious society.

Our Quarterly Meetings are requested, in future, to acknowledge in their accounts to the Yearly Meeting, the receipt, and disposition made, of minutes and papers transmitted to them by its direction.

It was concluded to raise eight hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year, and the several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting's proportion, is \$240.

Copied, by direction, from the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid, by

Abm. Shearman, Secy.

Frederick B. Ward

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The Representatives propose; that \$100 Dols. be raised for the service of the ensuing year, in the same proportions as last year; which being acceptable to this meeting, our several Mt^s. Meetings, are requested to forward their respective proportions to our Treasurer.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met by adjournment.

The Queries were read in this meeting, with answers from our several Mt^s. Meetings to the first, second, and tenth.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, and an explanatory article of Discipline; to be inserted in our books of Discipline, have been read, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several Mt^s. Meetings.

The following extracts, from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, were read, and copies thereof, are directed to be forwarded to our several Mt^s. Meetings.

Information being received from Sandwich, Pembroke, Nantucket & New Bedford Mt^s. Meetings, on the subject of the minutes from this Meeting, for sufferings relating to the Scriptures; the Subject is deferred, until accounts may be received from all our Mt^s. Meetings.

Our Friends Joseph Barane, of Bitternuth, and Philip Child, of Cape Cod, having attended at this time, produced satisfactory certificates of the unity, and concurrence, of their respective meetings: Their company and useful services, have been truly acceptable friends in all, and in several of our Monthly, and particular meetings; and the Clerk is directed to furnish them respectively, with copies of this minute.

The business brought before this meeting, being accomplished, we conclude.

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• The London Society's Meeting general
Epistle for the present time, has been recd, 1863 read
in their meeting;

This meeting united with the womens meeting, in approving the public offering in the winter of 1840, of Garrison's "Lectures on Slavery," and in approving the appointment, by Geo. Beag and the Meeting, of Mary Howland, to the station of an Agent. We also united with San'huels Mth Meeting, in dismissing Gilbert Collins from the station of an Agent, with the concurrence of the womens meeting, and Abraham Sherman justifying his dismission. The Sole Collecting hereof.

1 Information having received from all our M^o meetings, respecting the income relating to the Societies, it appears that care will be taken, that no such orders of reference, be supplied by the respective M^o Meetings: which information, the Clerk is directed to deliver to the Meeting for Sufferings.

The business brought before the Meeting
being accomplished one word.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at And.
Bedford 7th of 4th mo. 1831.

Accounts being received from all our
M^c. Meetings the Representatives therein named to this
meeting are, for,

• Sandwich - Seth Keller, Anne Piffanjan, Henry Wing;
• Amherst - Adam Brooks, Otho Ellis.
• Sandwich - Eben Paddock, Anne Sumner, Bromwell Barnard.
• Dartmouth - Seth Davis, Isaac Lawrence, Ab^m. Russell, Sam^l. Potter.
• Westport - John Mearns, Isaac Mearns, Samuel Mearns
• West Bedford - Ab^m. Davis, John Rowland J^r, Francis Baker.
who are all present.

Dartmouth and Sandwich M^c. Meetings inform that
their proportion of Stock has been paid to our Treasurer.

The Quines were read in this meeting, with
answers from our several M^c. Meetings; a summary
of which was directed to be forwarded to our ensuing
meeting.

The following account to the Yearly
Meeting being read was approved and directed to
be signed by the Clerk. *

We have had acceptably at this time the company
and services of our friends Abel Collins of South Kingston
M^c. Meeting, and Rachel Bonner of Wick M^c. Meeting,
both of this Town, and the Clerk is directed to furnish
them respectively with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before this meeting
being accomplished we conclude.

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* To the Yearly Meeting of ministers held on Rhode Island
for New England. Dear Friends,

The several extracts from the
minutes of the last yearly meeting, with the Report of the Boarding
School Committee, and an explanatory article of discipline, have
been received, and copies thereof forwarded to our several M^c.
Meetings.

Four hundred copies of the testimony of friends
on the American Continent, have also been received, and dis-
tributed to our M^c. Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock, has been paid to
your Treasurer.

A annexed summary of the

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answers to the Queries sent me several M^{rs}. Meetings, 223
being, approved; was directed to be forwarded you.

We have united with Dartmouth M^{rs}.
Meeting, in approving the public ministers of Canada
Stade, and with New Bedford M^{rs}. Meeting in the appoint-
ment of Mary Howland to the Station of an Elder — we
have also united with Sandwich M^{rs}. Meeting, in dis-
missing, Gilbert Wiffen from the same Station.

We appoint our friends S^{rs}. Davis, Prince
Parsons, Joseph Wiffen, Edinabas Wace, Isaac Lawrence,
Cynthia Howland, & Samuel Macy, our representatives
to your meeting;

Signed on behalf of Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 11th of Apr. 1831

Chas^s. P. Stubbs. Clerk

Summary of Answers to the Queries

1st All our meetings gave us ship and discipline have
been strictly kept, except in a few instances on account of the in-
fluence of the weather, but there is a striking witness
in the due attendance of them, particularly those in the mid-
dle of the week & for discipline. The Law is nearly observed
— some assurance of sleep is a few — generally except of other
unbecoming behaviour. Some care is extended in the above
deficiencies.

2^d Many Friends appear to be in a good degree com-
mitted to maintain love & unity, yet in some instances
they are evidently wanting — distractions not sufficiently
guarded against by all. Some labour has been expended in
these respects, and endeavours used to end differences when
they have occurred.

3^d Many Friends appear to be encouraging & being up-
held in their direction as desired, who are themselves
exemplary herein — while others appear to be scrupulous in
a faithful observance of their duties — and in some instances
a good example. Particularly as to respect, plainness is wanting.
It appears that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in
meets & families, yet a deficiency is apparent herein.

4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of
spirituous liquors except for medicine — also mostly careful to
avoid the haunts and frequenting of taverns and places of public
resort — a few instances of deviation are under notice. Moderation
appears to be maintained on the occasions referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to — generally
careful as to raising, &c.

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Ans. 6 Friends appear to be generally careful in these respects - Some instances of ordering, but are under notice.

7th. Care as you are appeared.

8th. Friends are generally careful, in the several parts of this query.

9th. Our records are generally attended to - a few instances of removal without certificate are under notice.

10th. Care is generally taken, to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried; and exhortations are used, to place judgment according to discipline.

7mo - 7th. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich 7th of 7th mo. 1851.

Accounts being received from all our Att^{rs}. Meetings the Representatives therein named to this meeting are, for

Sandwich - Mallick Gifford, Joshua Smith.

Pembroke - Edward S. Little, Adam Brooks.

Nantuxet - Kimbal Hamuk, Prince Gardner, Luther Joy.

Dartmouth - Abra^m. Russell, Isaac R. Gifford, James Tucker.

Westport - Saml. Newell, John A. Gifford, Joseph Phipps.

New Bedford - Cornelius Goveand, Francis Faber, John Howland, Jr.

who are all present but one.

The Representatives having proposed Charles G. Stubbs for Clerk, and William Mitchell for assistant Clerk of this meeting; the proposition is united with, and they accordingly appointed to these services for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to 1 past 4, Octave this afternoon.

Afternoon, met according to adjournment.

The Records were read in this meeting with answers from our several M^{ts}. Meetings to the first, second, and tenth.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, report they all attended.

**At a Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from
the 12th to the 17th, inclusive, of the sixth month, 1831.**

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being considered, was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have during the past year, endeavored to promote the objects of their appointment in a general superintendence of the Institution, and think they may inform, that its various concerns have been conducted in accordance with the intention of Friends in its establishment. Meetings for worship have been regularly kept up, and the family preserved in harmony.

The School is continued under the immediate care of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as Superintendents, with the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould. Moses A. Cartland, Jeremiah Hacker, and Pliny Earl, jun. are at present employed as Teachers in the Boy's School, and Deborah Ramsdell, Sarah Fry, and Dorcas Fry, in the Girls'. Benjamin B. Hussey, Lydia B. Allen, and Phebe Burgess, have also been employed during a part of the past year. Arrangements are now made with Caroline Cartland to occupy the place of an associate Teacher, and she is expected to enter upon her duties as such in a few days.

The average number of Scholars during the year has been one hundred and twenty-eight. Their health has been generally good, and their conduct and improvement in their studies have been satisfactory to the Committee.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund and of the Superintendent have been received and audited, and the state of the fund is such, that the Committee think it safe to propose, that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve and a half dollars per quarter, and that the privilege of sending children, free of expense, be continued to Monthly Meetings the same as last year.

The subject of extending the branches of education in the School, which was referred to the Committee by the last Yearly Meeting, claimed their early consideration, and they have proceeded in the erection of an addition to the School House, suitable for the accommodation of Scholars who wish to pursue a more extended course of education. A person to have the charge of these branches of learning has not yet been procured, but the Committee entertain a hope, that one suitably qualified, may soon be engaged.

It still continues to be the earnest desire of the Committee, that Friends who place their children in the School should be careful that they are habited in plain attire, and instructed to conform carefully to the rules and regulations of the Institution.—And they feel the propriety of again reviving the advice contained in their Report, last year, that Friends avoid sending Boys over fourteen years of age to the School, until they have first obtained the approbation of the Committee that meets at Providence on the third day-after the last fifth-day in each month.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Providence, 5 mo. 6, 1831.

MOSES BROWN,
ALICE RATHBUN.

We are informed by Baltimore Yearly Meeting, that the following additional Correspondents have been appointed since last year, viz. :

Thomas Bowen and James Macreal, for Dunnings' Creek Monthly Meeting.

John Griffith, jun. and Mahlon Scholfield, for Hopewell Monthly Meeting.

One of whom is to sign, in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks, all minutes and certificates issued by these Meetings for ministers and members of our religious society.

————— By Philadelphia Yearly Meeting,—that they have appointed as Correspondents,
For Philadelphia Quarter, Caleb Pierce and Charles Allen.
Abington, Abraham Keyser, Germantown.
Concord, John Bullock, Wilmington, Del.
Caln, James Embree, Bradford, Chester Co.
Western, Solomon Lukens, Coatsville, Chester Co.
Burlington, Simon Gillam, Mansfield, Burlington Co. in place of William Newbold, deceased.
Haddonfield, Uriah Borton, Evesham, N. J.

————— By New-York Yearly Meeting, that
David Allen, of Charleston, Montgomery Co., N. Y. is appointed Correspondent for *Duanesburgh Monthly Meeting*.
Nathan Bishop, of New-Hartford, Oneida Co., N. Y. Correspondent for *Bridgewater Monthly Meeting*.
James Brown, of Peekskill, Westchester Co., N. Y. Correspondent for *Amarwalk Monthly Meeting*.

From the minutes of said Meeting,
A. SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk.

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We are informed by a minute from our last Yearly Meeting that our proportion of that meeting's Stock is 240 dollars; which our Treasurer is requested to forward; to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer when the State of the Treasury will admit.

The Auditors report they have settled with our Treasurer, & find a balance in his hands of six dollars three dollars one cent.

Our Representatives propose that 5000 dollars be raised for the service of the ensuing year, in the same proportions of last year, which being, agreeable to Quind's, and several M^o. Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions to our Treasurer.

Our Friends Jonathan, & Hannah Chapman, Backhouse, John England, being with us at this time, produced Certificates of their unity and concurrence of their friends at home, with their present religious engagements in this country, which were read to our satisfaction. Their company and Gospel services, have been truly acceptable to us.

We have also had at this time the company of our friends Joseph Hoag, Cha^s. Taber and Lindley M. Hoag, of Fairbairn M^o. Meeting State of Vermont, and Jeremiah Hubbard, of Deep River M^o. Meeting North Carolina, which with their Gospel services have been truly acceptable: and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as relates to each respectively.

The company of our friend Aaron Bull, companion to our friend Charles Taber, has also been acceptable, & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

An extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee, has been read, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several M^o. meetings.

The business brought before us being accomplished we concluded.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich
6th of 10th mo. 1831.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly
Meetings, the Representatives therein named to this mee-
ting, are, &c.

andover, Stephen Holway, Joshua King, Seth Kelley.

Windsor, Edward S. Miller, Samuel Brown.

Nantucket, Saml. May, Joseph Allen, Benj. Gardner.

Dartmouth, Benjamin Tucker, Abrah. P. Russell, Edward Plake
M. St. John, Samuel Newitt, Samuel Plake, John W. Gifford.

New Bedford, Joseph Davis, John Howland, J. B. Barnes, James.

where all present but two, for whose absence
satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Our friend Mr. Miller informs, that a
proportion of stock, has been directed to be paid to
our Treasurer.

The London Yearly Meeting, & our Epistle
for the present year, has been read in this meeting, to
our edification and comfort.

The Queries were read in this meeting with
answers from our several M^o. Meetings to the first,
second, and tenth.

After a time of solid consideration
this meeting, ~~this meeting~~ joined with the women's
meeting, in approving, the public ministry of Mary
Davis, of Dartmouth M^o. Meeting.

Our friend Sarah Tucker, in a weighty manner,
returned at this time the Certificate granted her in
the 4th mo. 1830, and informed, that she had not per-
formed the visit, on which account it was granted,
and her reasons for relinquishing, her prospect being
weightily considered are satisfactory to the meeting.

We have had acceptably at this time the company
and services of our friend Zachary Bowman of Sidney,
M^o. Meeting, and are informed that he has attended
some of the monthly, and most of the particular
meetings composing this Quarter, in which his
company and services were acceptable to friends,
and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a
copy of this minutes.

The business brought before us being accom-
plished we conclude.

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Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford
1st of 12th Mo. 1831.

The Clerk being absent, Abraham Thurman, Sen. is appointed Clerk for this time.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named to this Meeting, are, for

Sandwich, Abel Akin, Herckiah Hosie,
Pembroke, Stephen Rogers, Daniel Otis,
Nantucket, Laban Paddock, Isaac Mitchell, Samuel May,
Dartmouth, Seth Davis, Thomas R. Wilbur, Benjamin Liding,
Westport, Daniel Wilbur, John Potter, Samuel Head,
New Bedford, Abraham Davis, Joseph Davis, Barnabas Foster,
Who are present, except two from Nantucket and one from Westport.

The Records were read with Answers from the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2d, & 10th.

We unite, after solid consideration, with the Monthly Meeting of Westport, in the appointment of Samuel Head to the station of an Elder, in which the Women concur, and James Tucker is requested to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting herewith.

Our Friends, Ezra and Martha Wender attended this Meeting, and presented copies of minutes from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, State of New Hampshire. Their company and religious services therein, have been acceptable to us. They have also attended, acceptably, nearly all the particular Meetings of Friends within our limits. And the Clerk was directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

Our Friend Daniel Clapp acceptably attended this Meeting, with a copy of a minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, & the Clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this.

The business brought before this Meeting being, accomplished, we conclude.

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June

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford
5th of 4th mo 1832

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named to this Meeting, are, for - Sandwich, Daniel Gifford and Isaac Hattis & Stephen Holbrook.

Our brother, Adam Brooks, Calvin Shepherd
Pembroke, Herckiah Akin, Gamwell Bernard, Joseph Allen
Dartmouth, Seth R. Wilbur, Isaac Lawrence, Joseph Gifford &
Westport, Peter Wilbur, Isaac Hattis, John A. Gifford -
New Bedford, Isaac Akin, Aaron Davis, William Talman

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It is our all presence.

of Antislavery & Abolition, 11th St. & New-
Bedford, Mr. Mottins informs that still proportions of
stock has been directed to be paid our Treasurer.

The Quiries were read, with answers
from one and Mr. Mottins, and a sermon was
read, signed to be forwarded to our meeting,
Society Abolition.

The following account to our Society
Meeting, being read over & approved and directed to
be signed by the Clerk.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held on
Rhode Island for West England.
Dear Friends,

The Report of the Boarding School
Committee, and a list of individuals connected with
abolition to our Society, were read and
Copies forwarded to our Society Meeting.

Our Treasurer informs, that our proportion
of Stock has been paid your Treasurer. x

Omission

We have united with Dartmouth
Mr. Mottins, & the following the public meeting of
Mary Davis; and with Westport Mr. Mottins, with the
appointment of Samuel Shaker to the Anti-Slavery Cause.

We appoint our friends Abraham Davis, Prince
Dennis, Samuel Shaker, Francis Cook, John W. Russell,
of Dartmouth, & Mr. Mottins, & Stephen Rogers, our representa-
tives to your meeting.

Signed on behalf of Dartmouth Quarterly
Meeting, at New Bedford 5th mo. 1822
G. A. B. Smith Clerk

Sanibel Mr. Mottins informs, that their meetings,
for worship have been united so as to constitute one mee-
ting, and that the united meeting, is held at the South
house; and proposes, that all their meetings for worship
be held at the South House, the first of the present
month - which being agreeable to this meeting, and
the women's meeting, concurring therewith, the Clerk
is directed to forward to that meeting a copy of his
minutes.

The following thought from us being,
and on paper. we have decided.

According to the annual dinner more of the amount to the Quiries from our
annual Mr. Mottins being referred was directed to be forwarded to.

Summary of Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been attended, except one on account of stormy weather, and generally by most of our members; while others are too negligent of this duty, and particularly as it respects weekly meetings and those for discipline. The law is nearly observed. Mostly a case of unbecoming behaviour, a few instances of sleeping, excepted. Some care has been generally extended in the above deficiencies.

2d. Friends generally appear to be concerned to maintain love and unity, and to guard against detraction; yet some are deficient herein. Endeavours are used to end differences when they appear.

3d. Many Friends are concerned to bring up their own families in plainness as regards, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupting conversation, and are exemplary herein themselves; while others, appear to be less so. In the latter case, the influence of the Society is not so frequently in some as would be best.

4th. Friends we believe are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors; yet there are a few exceptions, and care extended. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, appears also to be mostly avoided - and moderation maintained on the occasions referred to in the query.

5th. Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query.

6th. Friends generally appear to be concerned to maintain our testimonies with regards to marriage; while some are not so perfectly careful herein.

7th. There is great care in attending meetings of other societies - some care has been extended.

8th. Mostly careful in these respects.

9th. Generally careful, except in a few cases of unusual nature.

10th. Friends appear to be concerned to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, and to be diligent in the discharge of their duties.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
Sandwich 5th of 7th mo 1832.

Accounts being received from all our
M^t. Meetings the Representatives there is named
to this meeting are. For

Sandwich - Abel Allen, Daniel C. Bancroft, Henry
Demboke - Stephen Rogers, & Calvin Sheppard.

Danvers - John P. Adams, Benⁿ. Gardner, & Peter Mitchell.

Danvers - Isaac Lawrence, Abiaⁿ. Russell, & Little Gifford.

West Pool - Isaac Atkinson, Joseph Tupper, & John P. Gould.

West Bedford - Francis Baber, Cornelius Hawland, & Amosiah
Delano.

who are all present.

The Representatives propose Charles F. Nichols for Clerk
and Calvin Sheppard for Assistant Clerk of this meet-
ing, which being united with by friends they are
appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, report
they all attended.

We are informed by a minute of
our last Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of that
meeting's Stock is 270 Dollars, which our treasurer
requested to forward when in funds.

The Auditors report they have settled
with our treasurer, and find a balance in his hands
of 43..49/100 dollars.

The Representatives propose that Three
hundred dollars be raised for the service of the ensue-
ing year, which being agreeable to friends, our several
M^t. Meetings are requested to forward their respective
proportions of that sum to our treasurer.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.
Afternoon, met according to adjournment.

Extract from the minutes of our last Yearly
Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School
Committee, and an epistolary communication to
its subordinate meetings. These were acceptably read
in this meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward
copies thereof to our several M^t. Meetings.

The Queries were read in this meeting,
with answers from our several M^t. Meetings to
the first second, and third.

Communications being received that in Pembroke
M^t. Meeting the

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 10th to the 15th, inclusive, of the 6th mo. 1832.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, viz.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT, That they have, during the past year, superintended the Institution, and have cause to believe that it has been conducted in good degree as contemplated by Friends in its establishment. Meetings have been regularly kept up as heretofore. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty-three.

The School has been continued under the care of Enoch and Lydia Breed as Superintendents, with the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould. Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earl, jun. and Jonathan Slocum have been employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary Griscom, and Caroline Cartland, in the Girls'. Moses B. Lockwood and Isabella Horton have also been engaged as assistants, during a part of the year.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund and of the Superintendent have been received and audited. The state of the Fund is such that the Committee think it safest to propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar, *six* months, free of expense, and that the price for Scholars generally be continued the same as last year.

The Committee believe it best to propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, the recommending to Friends to endeavour to send their children to the School, as nearly as may be at the following periods, viz. *at the time of our Yearly Meeting*, or in the *first week* of the *second, fifth, eighth* and *eleventh* months. And they would further propose, that children should not be sent for a less time than *six* months; unless under peculiar circumstances, the consent of the sub-committee be obtained for a less term.

Since our last Report, the department of the School for instruction in the Languages and some of the higher branches of Science has been commenced under the care of Samuel J. Gummere, whose services have been performed acceptably to this Committee. The terms for the admission of Scholars, who are members of our Yearly Meeting, into this department, are One hundred Dollars per annum, exclusive of Books and Stationary, and no Scholar is admitted for a less term than one year, nor until permission shall have been granted for such admission by the sub-committee.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, the Committee have cause to acknowledge with thankfulness, that the Family and Scholars have been generally preserved in health.

Signed by appointment, and on behalf of the School Committee, held at Providence, 5th month 4th, 1832, by

MOSES BROWN,
ELIZABETH WING.

[Which Report was referred to the consideration of a Committee composed of Friends from each of the Quarterly Meetings, who at a subsequent sitting reported, that they had carefully considered the propositions relative to a periodical admission of Scholars, and the requisition that children be sent to the School for a term not less than six months, (unless under peculiar circumstances,) and were united in the opinion, that the adoption of these propositions will contribute to the advantage of the School, and not injuriously affect the convenience of parents. —Which being read and considered, the foregoing Report of the Boarding School Committee, was in conformity therewith accepted, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.]

The subject of the School having again been revived, the Clerk was directed to annex to the Report of the Committee now to be sent down, the following extracts from advices approved by this Meeting, in 1825, viz.

“The School Committee, in the discharge of the important trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, have found it necessary from time to time to recur to the great object, which the Yearly Meeting itself, as well as the Friends who have contributed to the funds of the Institution, have had in view in the establishment of the School, and which they think cannot be better expressed than in the language which accompanied the bequest of one of its early friends and most liberal benefactors; that our children and youth “may receive a religious guarded education, free from the contaminating influence of the vain fashionable world, which leads young minds from the simplicity of the truth, and that meek and quiet spirit exhibited by our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, “which we profess to follow.”

It was in accordance with these views, that the Committee were induced, in the 2d month, 1819, soon after the School was in operation, to forward the following minute to the several Monthly Meetings, viz:

“It has appeared necessary, from experience derived since the opening of the Institution, that more general circumspection should be extended in sending children to the School. And to preserve the order necessary to carry the object of the Yearly Meeting into more complete effect, it is recommended that each Monthly Meeting appoint a few suitable friends to whom [seasonable] application may be made by Parents or Guardians of Children who are desirous of placing them at the School; that the Friends so appointed consider it their duty not only, to enjoin that the children come in a plain dress, and in the use of the plain Scripture language, but that they are of good habits; and that they give a few lines to that import, for the information of the Superintendents and Instructors at the School.

The Committee now feel it to be their duty to recommend to the Monthly Meetings a greater extension of care to these objects, and that the appointment of such Committees be revived by them, to act in connection with the members of this Committee, if any, who may reside within the limits of each Monthly Meeting.”

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from
the 10th to the 15th inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1832.

To our several Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings.

DEAR FRIENDS,

The reading of the answers to the Queries, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, has introduced our minds into a deep felt exercise in beholding the many and various departures from our profession, therein brought to view. And in particular we have lamented, the sorrowful want of faithfulness in the attendance of our religious Meetings.—When we consider the duty of assembling ourselves together for public worship to Almighty God, in the light of a public acknowledgment of our belief in Him, and in the gracious revelation of his will through his dear Son, our Lord, what vital importance does the performance of this duty assume. In a feeling of Gospel love, and of our responsibility to Him who hath called us to be a people, and in some measure, as we humbly trust, qualified us through his mercy to labor for his cause, let us revive for the serious and solemn consideration of our brethren in religious profession, that awakening language of our blessed Lord, when in that prepared body : “Also I say unto you, whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man confess before the angels of God : but he that denieth me before men, shall be denied before the angels of God.” We are confirmed in the belief, that as the love of the things of time and the fleeting enjoyments of this world, shall be lessened among us, as the love of God shall take its place in our hearts, we shall be more concerned faithfully to perform this important duty, and in regularly assembling with our brethren, for public worship, and reverently waiting before Him, we shall graciously experience our strength in Him to be renewed, whereby we shall be enabled to withstand the assaults of temptation, and our souls be refreshed with his life giving presence. Let us then, we tenderly exhort, be more and more alive to the great importance of this solemn and interesting duty.

And as the love of God increases and abounds among us, love one unto another will also prevail. Bound together by the sacred ties of Gospel fellowship, our brethren will become exceedingly near to our best feelings, and that heavenly charity which suffereth long and is kind, will become more and more our covering. And O, that Friends every where were duly impressed with the necessity of preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and avoiding doubtful disputations, and seeking not to be wise above that which is written, humbly to believe in the all-important truths of the ever blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, That God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have everlasting life ; that he came into the world, as testified in the Holy Scriptures ; that he went about doing good, and manifesting his Divine power for the good of men ; that he died for our sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us unto God ; that He rose again for our justification, and ever liveth to make intercession for us ; that he is God over all, blessed forever. These all-important truths, as we humbly seek to be established therein, will indeed cement us together, and enable us through faith, to bear unitedly our testimony to the mercy and goodness of our heavenly Father. Thus will true unity and religious fellowship be experienced.

And being thus established, how exceedingly precious will those testimonies which we are called upon to bear, become in our view. For, being measurably redeemed from the love of the world, we shall be concerned to seek the adorning of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price, rather than the vain ornaments of the world, and be preserved in the simplicity which becometh the Gospel of Christ.

The giving way to the temptation so abundantly offered by the press, in the present day, to what may be appropriately termed, *light reading*, we have been induced to believe, has had its influence in producing, in many instances, a deviation from the simplicity of our profession, not only in faith, but practice—indisposing the mind for serious reflection, giving it a disrelish for the perusal of more solid and useful works, and secretly, but gradually, undermining that firm reliance upon superior aid, which can alone sustain the mind, in the hour of trial and temptation, and rightly bear it up amid the many vicissitudes of time.

The practice of a daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, with our hearts turned unto Him, who can alone rightly open them to our understanding, and apply them effectually to the heart, has been feelingly brought before us. And as we reverently believe, that these invaluable writings, according to their own testimony, are able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith, which is in Jesus Christ, how exceedingly important that we neglect not this precious means, which in the mercy of God has been vouchsafed to us for our reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness. And we are confirmed in the belief, that as parents and heads of families are concerned daily to call around them the objects of their care, and with prayerful hearts for the divine blessing upon their endeavors, to read to them a portion of the sacred volume, allowing a space for silent introversion of soul to God, a great blessing will be experienced. The truths revealed in the Scriptures will become increasingly interesting and precious in our view, and in that of our children and dependents, and the ever blessed cause of truth and righteousness be furthered and promoted. We therefore recommend and tenderly exhort Friends to this practice, and greatly desire their encouragement therein.

And we fervently desire, that all in profession with us, may be renewedly stirred up to more faithfulness and watchfulness in the cause of Christ, remembering that the time is short, and that we are enjoined to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh wherein no man can work.

Signed on behalf of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jr. Clerk.

St. Paul's Church, N. York.
Meeting.
March 10. Held at N. York.

10mo

there are no standing Orders - we appoint Abraham Shearman, Mr. Isaac Lawrence, Francis Taber, Joseph Sipp, Seth Holley, George Mitchell, and James Tucker, to visit that meeting, and extend such advice and assistance, on that and other subjects, as may may open for, and report to our next meeting.

The company and religious services of our friend Mattan Haggitt of Springfield M^t. Meeting, Fairfield Co. North Carolina, have been acceptable to us in this meeting - as also the company of our friend Zacharias Coffin, of Deep River M^t. Meeting in company; and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as relates to each respectively.

We have also had at this time the company of our friend Hannah Chapman, Bookbinder of Great Britain, which with her Gospel services have been acceptable to us.

The company of our friend Eliza C. Fink-bird of Philadelphia M^t. Meeting for the Western Dist^{ct}, companion of our friend Hannah Chapman, Bookbinder, has been acceptable.

The business brought before us being, accomplished we conclude.

10mo M^t Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich 4th of 10th mo 1833.

Accounts were reviewed from all our M^t. Meetings, and the Representatives therein named are for Sandwich - Seth Kelly, Daniel Swift, Ebenezer Wing, Penn Hooker - Stephen Rogers, Edward R. Little, Amherst - John Gardner, Job Allen, Benjamin Swain, Yarmouth - Abner Potter, Wm. W. Davis, Isaac Stader, Westport - Samuel Stader, Joseph Little, Isaac Hambley, New Bedford - Seth Russell, Aneli S. Wolff, Joseph Davis.

was are all present but two, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Sanwich M^t. Meeting, informs that its proportion of Stock, has been directed to be forwarded to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read in this meeting, with answers from our several M^t. Meetings to the first, second, and tenth.

11 me The Committee to visit Pembroke Monthly Meeting
the following report: "To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting
to visit Pembroke Monthly Meeting, have given attention to the
subject of their appointment? But are not ready at this time
to make a full report. In behalf of the Committee,
10th m^o. 3^d. 1832. Francis Taber,
Anne Macomber."

which is accepted by friends
and they continued to extend such further care as
may seem good for and report to a future meeting.

A Summary of the minutes of our last
Quarterly Meeting has been read, and is directed
to our several M^o. Meetings.

The company and social services of
our friends Harriet and William, Brothers of that village
have been acceptable to us at this time - as also,
the company of our friend Elisha P. Kirkland of
Sandwich M^o. Meeting for the Western District the
company.

The business brought before us being
accomplished we withdrew.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
6th of 12th m^o. 1832.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly
Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are:

For Sandwich: Abel Akin, Ebenezer Wing,
" Pembroke: Adam Brooks, Calvin Shephard,
" Nantucket: John Paddock, Isaac Mitchell, Cromwell Barnard,
" Dartmouth: Ben^y. Tucker, Elijah Sifford, Lily Sifford,
" Westport: David Macomber, Peter Devot, Samuel Thode,
" N. Bedford: Samuel Sifford, Barn Taber, Amariah Polans
who are all present, except two from Nantucket.

The Clerk being absent, Abraham Shearman, jun. is
appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with Answers
from the several Monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2d & 10th.

We are informed by Nantucket Monthly Meeting,
that that Meeting has a prospect of building a new Meeting
House and disposing of the old houses and land, if the
Quarterly Meeting approves - which being considered, they
are left at liberty to proceed herein. - And the Clerk is
directed to furnish said Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Westport Monthly Meeting inform, that their Treasurer
has been directed to pay their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer.

Our esteemed friend Lindley M. Hoag attended this Meeting, with a copy of a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich, New Hampshire. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we conclude.

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At a Special Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford 4th of February 1852.

Accounts were received from the several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting their names are as follows.

Sandwich - Matthias Coffin, Robert Wing, Joshua Wing, John Broke - Stephen Rogers, Gilbert Chapman.

Nantucket - Benjamin Farmer, Joseph Allen, Chas. G. Shells.

Dartmouth - Benjamin Foster, Joseph Gifford, Wm. Gifford.

Dorchester - Isaac Moulton, Samuel Merrill, Christian Davis.

New Bedford - Samuel Gifford, Amariah Nelson, Joseph Davis.

who are all present but two - who were prevented from attending, by indisposition.

Nantucket, Dartmouth, and New Bedford, Mr. Meetings, inform that their proportion of Stock has been forwarded our Treasurer.

The Queries were read in this meeting, with answer ^{from} all the Monthly Meetings, and a statement regarding our case as forwarded to our meeting Quarterly Meeting.

After a time of solid consideration we have united with New Bedford Mr. Meeting, in approving the notice minister of Joseph Davis, the women's meeting, concerning, ladies: and Abraham Shearman is appointed to inform the next meeting, first -

The following account to the Quarterly Meeting, being approved, was ordered to be signed by the Clerk.

1853

W. H. M.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends near
Rhode Island for New England.

Dear Friends,

The Report of the Boarding School
Committee, and an interesting communication from
some last meeting, have been received, & quite favorable
to our Society W. C. M. Society.

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion
of stock has been paid your Treasurer.

The Queries were read in this meeting, with
answers from all our W. C. Meetings; and a summary
of their contents being approved, was directed to be for-
warded you.

We have united with several other W. C.
Meetings, in approving, the public ministry of Joseph
Davis.

We have appointed our friends Barnabas Taber,
Joseph Davis, Stephen Rogers, Abraham Russell, of
Dartmouth, Seth Davis, Samuel Sherill & George Mitchell
our Representatives to your meeting.

Signed in behalf of Friends in annual
Meeting held at New Bedford 4th of 4th mo 1853

Chas. D. Loring Clerk

We have had very acceptably at this time the company,
and religious services, of our friend Benjamin Backman
from England, who produced Certificates of the unity of his
views at home with his present religious engagements
in this country, which were read to our satisfaction.

We have also had at this time the company of
our friend Royal Eastick from the bridge st. meeting, which
with his religious services have been very acceptable to us,
and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy
of his minutes.

The business brought before us being
accomplished we conclude.

Ans. 1st. I have meetings for society & discipline
 more than 1000, and we believe there is
 a concern with the greater part of our members to
 be diligent in attending them: while others are too much
 taken, and particularly so in respect to sickness & trials,
 and those for our discipline. The house is nearly obtained
 as for members of society, excepted, more of those of
 unbecoming behaviour. - Some are too much taken.

2^d. Love and unity, in a good degree subsist amongst
 most Friends, & in some instances there is
 a perfect union. Division appears to be mostly
 caused against. Endeavours are used to end dif-
 ferences when they appear.

3^d. A considerable number of Friends appear to
 be concerned to bring up those under their care
 in plainness, as required; to restrain them from read-
 ing, pernicious books, and from corrupting conver-
 sations; who are good examples themselves - while
 others are not sufficiently mindful of these impor-
 tant duties - We believe the Holy Scriptures are ge-
 nerally read in most families; yet it is feared
 not so frequently in some as would be best.

4th. Friends appear to be mostly careful to confine the
 use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes,
 yet not without some exceptions - in which cases
 some care has been extended. The wine causing fatigue
 of tasters, and a place of justice, somewhat
 against - mostly care in the other parts of
 this query.

5th. Mostly care in the respect to placing out.
 & the other parts care.

6th. Most Friends appear to be concerned to maintain
 our testimony with regard to marriage; while
 some are not sufficiently careful herein - some care
 has been extended.

7th. Care as far as appears, except some cases of
 Friends in bearing our testimony against the
 payment of priests' wages - some care taken.

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Ans. 8th. Friends are generally careful in these
respects as far as appears.

9th. Master, charge of some removals not tract
Certificates. which are under notice.

10th. Care is generally taken to deal with the
in a good degree as quickly, and in the
judgment is taken necessary according to discipline.

7mo - At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at South
4th of 7th mo - 1833.

Accounts being received from all our
M^{rs} Meetings the Representatives therein named
to this meeting, are as follows,

Sandwich - Simon Dufford, Daniel Wing, Joshua Swift
Pembroke - Calvin Shepherd, Stephen Rogers.
Sandwich - Sabar, Biddick, Isaac Mitchell, Benⁿ Fenton
Dorchester - Abner Potter, Thomas R. Wilbur, Abraham Russell
Westport - John, Abner, Samuel, Peter, John, A. Fitts
New Bedford - Benⁿ Russell, William Davis, Benⁿ Swift
who are all present.

The Representatives having proposed Charles L. Fitts
for Clerk, and Calvin Shepherd, for Assistant Clerk of
this meeting, the proposition is united with, and
they accordingly appointed to those services for the
ensuing year.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting,
report they attended.

We are informed by a minute of our
Yearly Meeting that one proposition of that meeting's
stock is 60 dollars, which our Treasurer is requested
to forward when the state of the treasury will admit.

The Auditors report they have settled with
our Treasurer, and find a balance in his hands
of 30 dollars - 15 cents.

The Representatives propose that 300 dollars
be raised for the service of the ensuing year - which
being, according to friends, are several M^{rs} Meetings
are requested to forward their respective proportion
of that sum to our Treasurer.

**At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-
Island,--Sixth Month, 1833.**

THE Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before the Meeting, and after a free discussion of its contents, the propositions therein submitted for consideration, were agreed to, and the Report accepted; and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,
ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, jun. *Clerk.*

**TO THE YEARLY MEETING,
To be held on Rhode-Island in the Sixth Month next.**

THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT, That they have during the past year, given attention to the various concerns of the Institution, and that they have been conducted, in good degree to their satisfaction. Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony has been preserved.

The average number of Scholars during the year, has been one hundred and seventy-two.—The School is continued under the immediate care of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as Superintendents. in which capacity they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould.—Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earle, jun. and Jonathan Slocum, are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary H. Griscom, Caroline Cartland, and Martha Barker, in the Girls'.—The latter of whom, for six months, rendered gratuitous service to the Institution.—Samuel J. Gunmore continues to have charge of the department for Languages, &c.

It having long been believed by the Committee, that the School might be improved, and its advantages to the Children greatly enhanced, by having some person employed to superintend its literary concerns, who, by his experience in the business of teaching, and by his acquirements, would be qualified to render advice to the Teachers, to examine the Scholars in their several studies, and to extend an immediate supervisory care over every department of the School.—With this belief, in the 12th month last, our friend John Griscom, from New-York, was introduced into the Institution, and the services he has rendered in the manner above specified, and by lecturing on different subjects, have been satisfactory to us, and we believe have tended in various ways to the essential improvement of the Scholars.

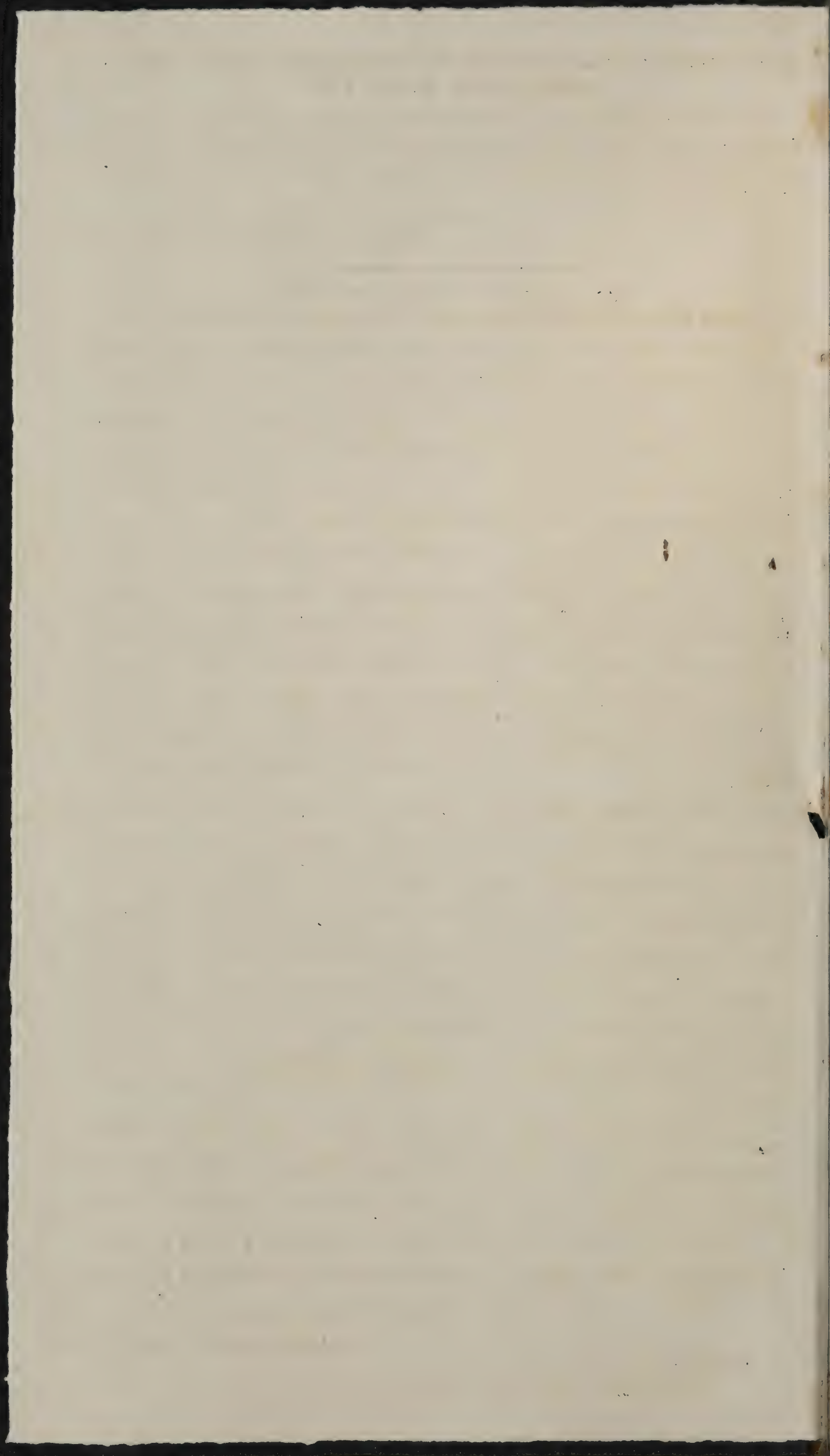
By settling the accounts, it appears that at the present prices for board and tuition, the income will not meet the expenditures of the School.—The Committee, after maturely weighing the subject, have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting; that after the first of eighth month next, members of Society, of this Yearly Meeting, be received for fifteen dollars per quarter; that those who are not members of Society, but who have one or both parents members, be received for twenty-two and a half dollars per quarter; and should any who are not thus connected with Friends be received, that the price be thirty dollars per quarter; that to those who are admitted into the School for Languages, &c. and that to members of other Yearly Meetings, the price be continued as heretofore;—And that the privilege of sending one child, six months, free of expense, be extended to each Monthly Meeting, as last year. Although by this arrangement, the expense to parents who place their children in this Institution will be a little augmented, still the Committee have confidence in believing that there will be ample remuneration in the increased advantages the School now presents for the improvement of the Scholars.

In the seventh month of last year, in consequence of the appearance of the Cholera in our country, and the effect produced upon the minds of the children by the approach of this fearful malady, it was deemed most prudent, under the advisement of the Meeting for Sufferings, to vacate the School for a season. It was not considered best to re-assemble the scholars until the tenth month, when the School was again opened, and those who had left generally returned.

Although during the past year the visitations of sickness and death have been many in our country, and we have not wholly escaped, yet we feel bound thankfully to commemorate the preservation that has been extended to us by Him, from whom are all our sure mercies.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Committee, by
WILLIAM JENKINS, *Clerk.*

**Yearly Meeting Boarding School,
Providence, 5th mo. 3d, 1833.**



Agreed to the 4th. June this afternoon.

Afternoon met according,
in accordance.

The Minutes were read in this meeting,
with answers from one several Mr. Melling
in regard to them.

An extract from the minutes of our last
meeting, and the report of the Boarding
School Committee, have been acceptably read
in this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to
send copies thereof to one several Mr. Melling.

Our esteemed friend, Mr. Melling, visited
this meeting, and produced a certificate of the unity,
and communion of the Western M^c Meeting, and the
enjoyment, in so far as the Sea Stone Quakers Meeting
- the company and religious services have been
comfortable and edifying to us, and the Clerk is
directed, to write in the book of this room
meeting, in furtherance herewith a minute embracing
the substance of this, and sign it on our account.

We have also had the company and religious
services of our esteemed friend, William Dennis of
Rhode Island M^c Meeting, which have been very
acceptable to us - and the Clerk is directed to unite
with the Clerk of the women's meeting, in furnishing
us with a minute embracing the substance of this
and sign it on our account.

The company also, from friends
George, and Ruth Smith, of Westland M^c Meeting,
companions of our friend Mr. Melling, has been
acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to
furnish them with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before us being
accomplished we conclude.

1833
11 Nov.

Mr. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
Sandwich B. of 10th. mo. 1833.

Accounts being, received from all
our M^o. Meetings the Representatives therein
named are: -

Sandwich - John Kelly, George Wing, Nathaniel Gifford

Pembroke - W^o E. Ellis, Edward M. Little

Sandwich - Chas. Smith, Prince Gardner, Isaac Mitchell

Dartmouth - Little Gifford, John Davis, Isaac R. Gifford

Newport - Samuel Stace, David Macomber,

Haac Macomber -

New Bedford - John R. Davis, Barnabas Parker

Joseph Davis.

who are all in Sent.

Sandwich M^o. Meeting, informs, that its po-

sition of stock, has been directed to be paid our

treasurer.

The Series were read in this

meeting, with answers from all our Monthly

Meetings to the first, second, and tenth.

Extracts from the minutes of our last

Yearly Meeting on the subject of the establishment

of Libraries of Friends Books, and the provisions

of our discipline, with regard to schools -

also a recommendation respecting removal

Certificates, to be inserted in our books of dis-

cipline, were read in this meeting, and the

clock was directed to forward copies thereof to

our several M^o. meetings

After a time of solid consideration,

this meeting, united with the women's mee-

ting, in approving, the appointment by Pembroke

M^o. Meeting, of Isaac Rogers to the place of,

an Elder.

Our friend John Green attended this

meeting, with Certificates from Cornwall Monthly

and Quarterly Meetings State of New York, which

were read to our satisfaction - his company and

religious services have been, acceptable to us, and the

clock is directed to furnish him with a copy of the minute.

Our business brought before us being accomplished

we conclude -

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Meeting & Meeting, of Friends for New England -
Sixth month 1833.

A motion for the more improved and religious
education of the children of Friends, and for the
establishment of Libraries of Friends' Books, in the
pursuit of Mr. McKings, having been revived in this meet-
ing, and claimed its consideration, a lively interest
was felt in regard to these subjects.

The attention of Friends was earnestly
directed to the concern of establishing in the several
Meetings one or more Libraries of the Standard
works of our Society; that Friends may at all times
have access thereto, to the end that the consistency,
truth and harmony of our Christian principles being
known, the minds of Friends may become more
and more established in them, and the unity of
faith and doctrine which it so much becomes us
to inculcate, may more and more abound.

The provisions of our discipline with respect
to Education, and Schools for the children of Friends,
were recommended to be revived in our subordi-
nate meetings, and put in practice whenever
Friends' circumstances will allow.

And the Clerk was directed to forward
copies of this Minute to our several Quarterly and
Monthly Meetings.

It was recommended, that all Certificates
of Removal, issued by our Monthly Meetings, be
signed by the Clerks of both the Men's and Women's
Meeting. - And that this conclusion be entered in
our books of Discipline. - Which the Clerk was
directed to forward as above.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting
A. Peckham, Jr. Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Bedford 5th of 12th Mo. 1833.

Accounts being received from all our
M^o. Meetings the Representatives therein named
to this Meeting, are, *For*,

- Sandwich - Seth Tracy, Paul Wing, Samuel Southerman.
- Pembroke - Calvin Shepherd, Stephen Rogers.
- Santucket - Laban Packard, Benjamin Green.
- Dartmouth - Galb Stace, Joseph Gifford, Benjamin Gifford.
- Westport - Samuel Stace & Samuel Stace, John Potter.
- New Bedford - Samuel Taber, Amariah Delano.

who are all present but one.

Westport M^o. Meeting informs that the
proportion of Stock has been directed to be paid one
measure.

The Queries were read in this meeting
with answers from all our M^o. Meetings to the
first, second, and third.

The business brought before us being
accomplished we concluded.

1834
4th Mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New-
Bedford 3rd of 4th Mo. 1834.

Accounts being received from all
our M^o. Meetings, the Representatives therein named
to this meeting, are *For*,

- Sandwich - Arthur Swift, & Ebenezer Wing.
- Pembroke - Calvin Shepherd, James Esley.
- Santucket - Isaac White, Prince Adams, Peter Hildell.
- Dartmouth - Ebenezer White, Thomas White, & Lucien Gifford.
- Westport - Peter Leavel, Samuel Stace, John H. Potter.
- New Bedford - Lewis Root, Amariah Delano & Eliza Thorton.

who are all present.

Santucket, Dartmouth and Westport, Monthly
Meetings inform that their proportion of Stock has
been paid one measure.

The Queries were read in this meeting with
answers from all our M^o. Meetings, and a sum-
mary therefrom directed to be forwarded to our
next State Meeting.

1834
4 mo.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was read, and being approved, was directed to be signed by the Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Rhode Island for 1834.

Dear Friends,

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting, embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee, with recommendations on the subject of Schools and Libraries, and an article to be inserted in our books of discipline, were received and copies forwarded to our several M^t. Meetings.

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to your Treasurer.

The queries were read in this meeting, with answers from all our M^t. Meetings; and the annual summary compiled therefrom was directed to be forwarded you.

We have united with Pembroke M^t. Meeting, in the appointment of Isaac Rogers to the place of an Elder.

We appoint our friends Barnabas Taber, Prince Parker, Tachus Estes, Seth Davis, Samuel Vedet and Joshua Swift Representatives to your meeting.

Signed on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 3. of 4th mo. 1834.

Chas. C. Stubbs Clerk

We have had at this time the company of our friend John Wilbur of South Thiryston M^t. Meeting, which with his Gospel services, has been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before us being now disposed of we conclude.

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Summary of answers to the Queries

- 1st. Allow meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held; and the greater part of our members are concerned diligently to attend them; but others are too neglectful herein; particularly as respects midweek meetings and those for discipline. The house is much observed. A few instances of sleeping excepted, mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour. — Some care has been extended.
- 2^d. Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained; and disputes guarded against by most friends. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.
- 3^d. A considerable number of queries we believe are concerned to bring up those under their direction in chains as queried, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupting conversation; and are exemplifying herein themselves; while others appear to be too derelict in a faithful discharge of these duties. The Holy Scriptures we think are frequently read in most Sinner's families.
- 4th. Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors; yet in a few instances they have most been wholly confined to medical purposes, and some care has been extended. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and places of public resort, mostly guarded against, and moderation maintained on the occasions referred to.
- 5th. Clear as far as appears, except one instance of being placed out as an apprentice.
- 6th. Care appears to be taken by most friends, that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline; yet some are not sufficiently careful herein.
- 7th. Clear as far as appears, except some instances of young people attending meetings of other Societies. — Some care taken.

1834 Jan 8th. Most friends, we believe, are careful
as respects the several parts of this query.
yet instances of deficiency have occurred, in timely
inspection of affairs. And failure in the payment
of just debts, on which accounts some care has
been expended.

9th. Friends are generally careful with re-
spect to records - a few instances of removal
without certificates; which are mostly under
notice.

10th. Friends appear to be careful that offences
be well with us queried; and endeavor
we used to place judgment according to discipline.

Jan 11th. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich
3 of 7th mo. 1834.

Accounts being received from all
our W. Meetings the Representatives therein named
are as follows

Sandwich — Nathaniel Phipps, Joshua Wing, Prince Holloway.

Membrake — Calvin Shepherd, Zachariah Estes.

Sandwich — James Austin, Kimbol Sticks, John B. Smith.

Danvers — James Tucker, Abraham Russell, Abraham Tucker.

Westport — John M. Mearns, Samuel Mearns, John H. Mearns.

Brookfield — Cornelius Howland, George W. Baker, George D. Phipps.

who are all present.

The Representatives having proposed Charles
B. Stables for Clerk, and Calvin Shepherd for
Assistant Clerk of this meeting, — the proposition
is united with by friends, and they accordingly
appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Representatives at the Town Meeting,
report they all attended.

We are informed by a minute of our Yearly
Meeting, that our proportion of State is \$300 - dollars.
which our Treasurer is requested to forward, when
the State of the treasury will admit.

1864
7 mo

The Auditors report they have settled with our accounts, and find the balance due here of ten dollars, fifty nine cents.

The Representatives propose that the sum of Three hundred and seventy dollars be raised for the service of the ensuing year, which being agreeable to friends, our several M^o. Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

Adjourned at 4 P.M. till the 5th of November.
Afternoon next according to adjournment.

The Quires were read in this meeting, with the answers from all our M^o. Meetings to the first, second, and tenth.

Letters from the ministers of our last Yearly Meeting on the subject of Education, - and the Report of the Training School Committee, have been acceptably read in this meeting; and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several M^o. Meetings.

The committee to visit Pembroke M^o. Meeting make the following report. Viz:

Our Landmark Quakers the day to be held at Nantuxet 10

Dear Friends The committee appointed in the 7th mo 1832 to visit Pembroke M^o. Meeting, have at different times given attention to the subject of their appointment, and extended such care and advice as way has opened for; most of their number have attended the meetings, and some several times to pretty good satisfaction; and they are now united in believing it will be ~~the~~ safe to release the Committee.

Which is submitted to the Yearly Meeting.

In behalf of the Committee

Nantuxet 7th mo 2 1834

" Francis Toben
George H. Hill
Charles Barker "

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, Sixth Month, 1834.

The subject of the guarded, literary and religious instruction of the children and youth of the Society, having again been feelingly adverted to, claimed the solid consideration of the Meeting; and the importance of being possessed of a more intimate knowledge of the present state of Education among Friends, in the various sections of this Yearly Meeting, being generally felt, a Committee was appointed, to unite with a Committee of the Women's Meeting, in considering the subject, and to report thereon at a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee introduced the following minutes of advice to subordinate Meetings; which being deliberately considered, were adopted, the Women's Meeting uniting therein, and the Clerk was directed to forward a sufficient number of copies thereof to our several Quarterly Meetings, for the supply of each Monthly and Preparative Meeting, within their respective limits; and also the necessary forms for the returns proposed to be made to this Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JR. *Clerk.*

THE interesting concerns of Education having renewedly claimed the weighty deliberation of the Yearly Meeting, it is the earnest desire of the body thus assembled, that Friends may endeavor, wherever it is practicable, to establish select Schools within their Preparative or Monthly Meetings, (to be taught by exemplary members of our Society,) in which the children of Friends may be exempt from the dangers arising from improper associations, and moral and religious principles, in conformity to our Christian profession, be duly inculcated; the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament be daily read; and such improved methods of instruction be adopted, as will best promote their advancement in useful learning. These Schools should be visited monthly, or oftener, by Committees of men and women Friends appointed by the Meeting, before whom the Children should be exercised in the several branches taught in the School. And in those places where it appears to be impracticable to establish Preparative or Monthly Meeting Schools, it is desired that Friends may endeavor to institute Family Schools, in which the Children of one or more Families may daily assemble for literary instruction, by some Teacher qualified to impart it. And Friends are every where desired to exercise a becoming liberality in providing Teachers and means of instruction in all their Schools.

To keep alive a concern of such vital importance to our social and religious welfare, and that the Yearly Meeting may be furnished with correct information relative thereto, Preparative Meetings are directed to transmit to their respective Monthly Meetings, a statement of the number of Children within their limits, agreeably to the subjoined Queries, and insert their answers in the several columns of the form accompanying; which returns are to be forwarded by the Monthly to the Quarterly Meetings; and a condensed statement of the facts thus collected, to be prepared by the Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings, or by a Committee appointed for that purpose, and forwarded with their next annual accounts to this Meeting.

Queries to be answered by the Preparative Meetings.

1st. What number of Children are there in your Meeting, of an age suitable for instruction, at School, say from *four* to *twenty-one* years of age? Distinguishing between male and female, and also distinguishing between those *under* the age of *fourteen*, and those *over* that age.

2d. What number of Children have been actually at School within the year? Distinguishing between male and female, and also between those under fourteen, and those over that age.

3d. What number of Schools have been kept under the care of Friends, in your Meeting, during the past year? Distinguishing between Preparative Meeting, Monthly Meeting and Family Schools.

4th. What has been the average duration of the Schools under the care of Friends, within the year?

5th. What number of Teachers have been employed in *these* Schools, within the year? Distinguishing between male and female Teachers.

6th. What number of Children are there in your Meeting who have attended District or mixed Schools? Distinguishing between male and female, and also between those under the age of fourteen, and those over that age.

7th. Is there care taken that the Books used in the Schools under the care of Friends, in the several departments taught in the Schools, are judiciously selected.

[OF Preparative Meetings are requested to prepare Answers to these Queries, in sufficient season for such Answers to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meetings that will be held in the fourth and fifth months, next year.]

10mo

which being considered, and it appearing that
 respectfully being sent from a Committee of this
 one - How ever convenient, (with the exception of
 a small sum removed from within the limits of
 the quarterly meetings) for such further services as
 they may find occasion for, and report to a
 future meeting.

Our friends Jonathan & Hannah C.
 of New York, attended this meeting,
 in which their company and Gospel services
 have been acceptable to us.

The company and religious ser-
 vices of our friend Richard H. Mayhew of New
 York, & Mr. Mayhew, have been acceptable to us at
 this meeting - as also the company of our
 friends Thomas Starnett of Centre St. Meeting,
 Ohio, and Elizabeth Cogswell of New York.
 Mr. Mayhew. The company also of our friends
 Benjamin Wright of New York, & Mr. Mayhew,
 and Hannah Collins of New York, & Mr. Mayhew,
 companions to our friend Richard H. Mayhew, has
 been acceptable - and the Clerk is directed to
 furnish them with copies of this minute as
 returns to each respectively.

The business brought before us
 being, accomplished we conclude.

10mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich
 2 of 10th mo 1834

Accounts being, received from
 all our St. Meetings the Representatives therein men-
 named are -
 Sandwich - Stephen Holway, Abel Hopie, Geo. Allen
 Sandwich - George Shepherd, Edward M. Little,
 Sandwich - Benjamin Gardner, John G. Coffin.
 Sandwich - Rev. J. Foster, Joseph D. Foster, R. H. Wilbur
 Sandwich - John M. Good, Samuel Stedman, David
 Sandwich - Henry Davis, Ebenezer C. Selano, Abner S. Sargent,
 who are all present.

10th mo 1834
Sandwich. M^o. Meeting informs that its
proportion of what has been directed to be paid
our Treasurer - and Dartmouth that their
proportion will be attended to.

The Queries were read in
this meeting, with answers from all our
M^o. Meetings to the first, second, & tenth.

Our friend Roland Green attended this
meeting, with a certificate from Greenwich M^o.
Meeting, which was read to our satisfaction -
his company, and Gospel services, have been very
acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to
furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our friends Dugan & Asenath - Clerk ~~of~~
of Northampton M^o. Meeting North Carolina, during
their late visit in New England, having attended
all, or nearly all, the meetings comprising this
Quarterly Meeting, in which their company and
Gospel services have been truly acceptable to friends.
- the Clerk is directed to forward to our M^o. Meeting
a copy of this minute.

The business brought before us being
accomplished we concluded.

1st mo At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Bedford 4th of 12th mo - 1834

Accounts being received from all our
M^o. Meetings the transcriptions to this meeting,
there named are.

For Sandwich - Levi Thelley, Joshua Wing, Matthias Gifford.

" Duxbury - Calvin Shepley, Otis Ellis.

" Nantucket - Prince Gardner, Keyokiah Swain.

" Dartmouth - Seth Davis, Caleb Wade, Joseph Gifford.

" Westport - John Potter, John A. Gifford, Stephen Allen.

" New Bedford - Sands Wing, Barnab. Taber, George Howland.

who are all present.

Westport M^o. Meeting informs that its pro-
portion of what has been paid to our Treasurer.

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The Queries were read in this meeting,
with answers from all our M^o. Meetings to
the first, second, and tenth.

The London Yearly Meeting General
Chestle of the present year has been acceptably
read in this meeting.

Our friend Timothy M. Hoag, from
Sandwich M^o. Meeting, State of New Hampshire
attended this meeting and produced a certificate
of the unity of his friends at home, with his
present religious engagements - his company and
Gospel Services have been truly acceptable to friends,
and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with
a copy of this minute.

The business brought before us
being accomplished we conclude.

1835
4th mo
11 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at
New Bedford 2 of 4th mo 1835.

Accounts being received from all our
M^o. Meetings the friends therein named as Represen-
tatives are as follows.

Sandwich - Abel Akers, Malachi Gifford, Nathan Wing,
Pembroke - Adam Brooks, Zachary Estes.
Nantucket - Isaac Mitchell, Prince Garman, Sely Mitchell
Dartmouth - Benⁿ Tucker, Joseph Gifford, Osborn Wood.
Westport - David Macomber, Peter Seval, John W. Gifford.
New Bedford - Amaziah Delano, Job Eddy, Abram Davis.
who are all present.

Nantucket, Dartmouth, and New Bedford M^o.
Meetings, inform that their proportion of Stock has
been paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read in this meeting,
with answers from all our M^o. Meetings, from
which the answered general answers were com-
piled and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing
Yearly Meeting.

1835
4th. mo.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting, being read was approved; and a Certificate to be signed by the Clerk.

" To the Yearly Meeting, of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England.

Dear Friends,

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting, on the subject of Education, and the Report of the Boarding School Committee, have been received, and copies forwarded to our several M^o. Meetings.

Our Treasurer informs that he has paid our proportion of Stock to your Treasurer.

The Minutes were read in this meeting, with answers from our several M^o. Meetings, from which the annexed summary, was compiled and directed to be forwarded to you.

Statements from all our M^o. Meetings on the subject of Schools have been read, and the total amount as reported directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

We appoint our Friends Francis Taber, Abel Atkins, Prime Gardner, Isaac R. Gifford, John R. Davis, Calvin Shepherd, & Samuel Newet, Representatives to your meeting.

Signed on behalf of Lancaster Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford 2. of 4th. mo. 1835-

Chas. F. Stubbs Clerk

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude.

1835

Ans 1st. All our meetings have been duly held, except one at Pembroke, on acct. of the inclemency of the weather, and a two at the same place, occasioned by the illness of some and the absence from home, of others of its members. Meetings on first days appear to be attended by the greater part of Friends, but considerable neglect is apparent in the attendance of mixed meetings and those for discipline. The law is nearly observed - some appear not to be wholly preserved from sleeping - No other unbecoming behaviour noticed. Some care expended in the above deficiencies.

2. Most Friends endeavour to maintain love and unity, and to guard against distraction, while some are deficient herein - When differences arise, care has been taken to end them.

3. A concern appears to rest on the minds of Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from ^{conversing} conversations, and to be exemplary therein themselves; while others, do not appear to be sufficiently impressed, with the importance of this concern. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in most friends families.

4th. Friends appear to be generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous ^{liquors} except for medicine. The unnecessary frequenting, of taverns, and places of public resort, is much guarded against. Much clearer in the other parts of this query - some care has been expended.

5th. Care, except two or three instances of, playing, out from amongst friends.

Answers to the Queries

Ans. 6th. A concern over, before, is prevalent with most Friends that proceedings in respect to marriage may be conformable to discipline - yet all do not appear to be sufficiently careful therein.

7th. Care as far as appears, except some instances, in ones calling of young persons attending meetings of other societies - some care taken.

8th. Most Friends appear to be careful as respects the several parts of this query. - yet some instances of deficiency have occurred in the timely instruction of affairs, and of failure in the payment of just debts; on which account care has been extended.

9th. Our records appear to be well attended to; yet not without some deficiency in the recording of births and deaths. A few instances of removal without certificate are under notice.

10th. Care appears to have been generally taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, yet not in all cases without some delay - endeavours have been used to spare judgment when thought necessary according to discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket,
2^d of 7th month, 1835.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named, are.

For Sandwich, Prince Lifford, Newell, & Case.

For Nantucket, Moses H. Rogers, Calvin Shephard,

For Nantucket, Laban Piddick, James Austin, Ben. Gardner,

For Dartmouth, Isaac Lawrence, Joseph Lifford, Eben. Allen,

For Walsport, John Potter, Samuel Newell, & Stephen Allen.

For New Bedford, Jos. Eddy, Ezra Slater, & Jos. Swift.

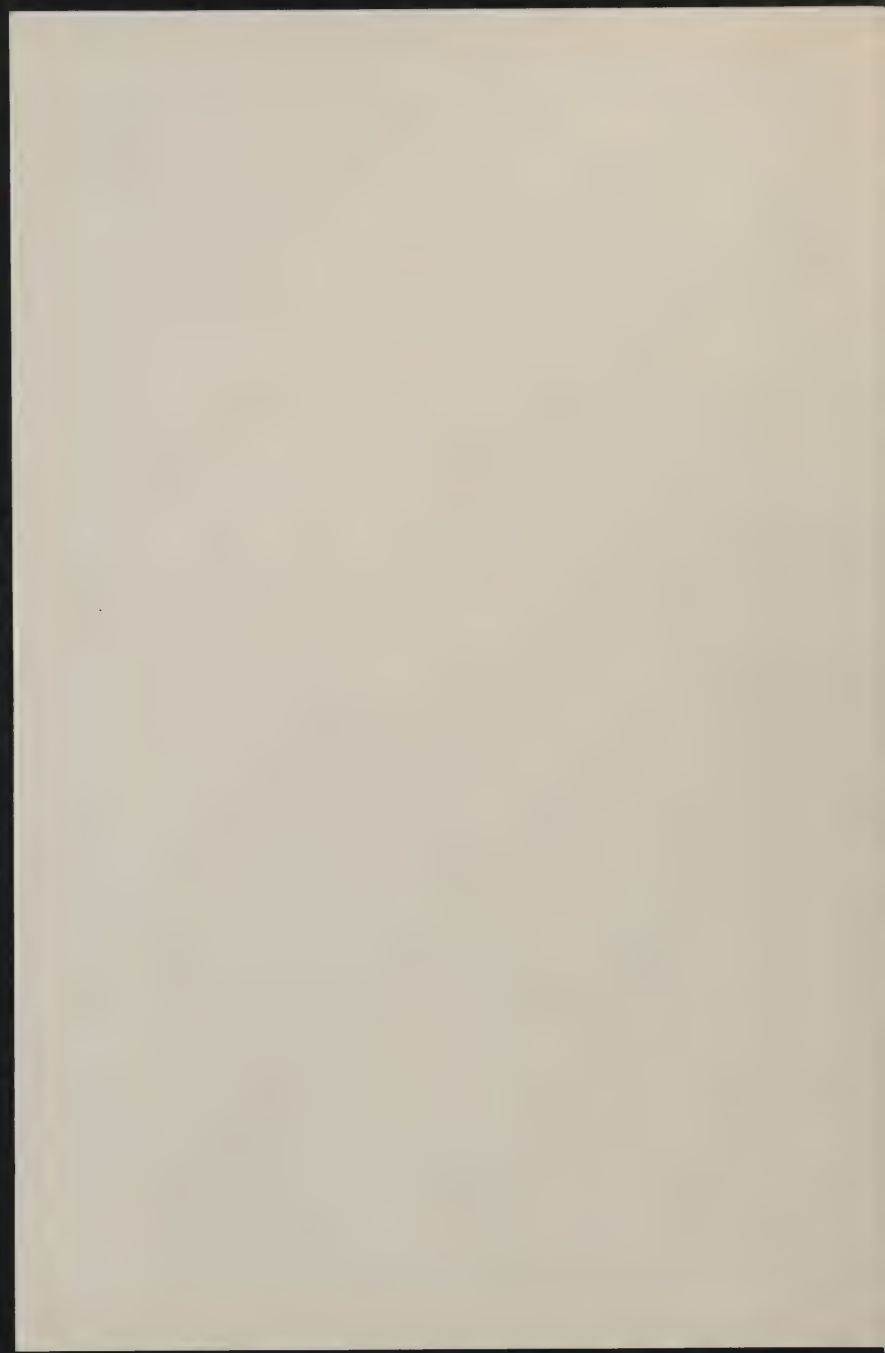
who are all present.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed, being expired, and the Friend who has acceptably served the Meeting in the former capacity, for several years past, being at present in a delicate state of health, Abraham Shearman, he was appointed Clerk, and Calvin Shephard, Assistant Clerk for this time.

In the Cno 1835.

New England Yearly Mtg
reported 3155 children
of school age (4 to 21)

Rhode Island	388
Sandwich	576
Salem	479
Falmouth	347
Southfield	366
Warehams	631
Dover	368
	3155



At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island,
from the 14th to the 19th inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1835.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, JUN. Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured for the past year to discharge the duties committed to them in attending to the various concerns of the Institution, which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction. In doing this they have not been unmindful of the objects Friends have had in view in the establishment of the School, and of the wishes of its benevolent donors.

Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and forty-three, eleven of whom have been pupils in the department for languages, &c.

Our friends SETH and MARY DAVIS, of Dartmouth, have been engaged as Superintendents of the School, to supply the place of our friends ENOCH and LYDIA BREED, who have acceptably served us in that capacity for the past eleven years, and now wish to be released. Our friend JOHN GRISCOM has continued his services in the Institution during the past year, but his engagement will terminate the first of seventh month next. ISAAC HATHAWAY is employed as a book-keeper, and care-taker of the Boys, out of school hours; and CHRISTINA GALE has charge of the sewing-school, and is care-taker of the Girls, out of school hours.

PLINY EARLE, JONATHAN SLOCUM, GEORGE W. READ and LOUIS COOK, are engaged as Teachers in the Boys' school, and MARY-ANN BARKER, MARTHA BARKER and EMELINE ALDRICH in the Girls'. SAMUEL J. GUMMERE having left the Institution, the instruction in the Languages will be continued under the care of GEORGE W. READ; and it is proposed for the future, instead of the terms heretofore established, that *five dollars per quarter* be charged for the study of the Languages, in addition to the ordinary price for scholars in the other branches of study.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled, from which it appears, that the receipts of the School from the funds and the amount paid for scholars, have about met the expenses; and the Committee consequently propose, that the terms for board, tuition, &c. be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child six months, free of expense, be continued to each Monthly Meeting. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of *each quarter* be paid in advance, inasmuch as inconvenience and loss have resulted from the neglect of this rule.

The Committee deem it proper again to recommend to Friends, that in sending their children to the School, the period of time proposed three years ago may be observed, as far as practicable, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, and in the first weeks of the 2d, 5th, 8th and 11th months.

In reviewing the past year, in relation to this Institution, we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowledge the preservation extended to us, under which the School has continued to be conducted, we trust, to the benefit of many of the youth of our Society.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee,

ARNOLD CONGDON, Clerk.

YEARLY MEETING BOARDING SCHOOL, 5th mo. 8, 1835.

At the Yearly Meeting aforesaid,

The Committee on the subject of Education produced the following Report, viz.

"The Committee on Education have taken into consideration the important subject referred to them. The religious and guarded education of our children and youth appears to be increasingly claiming the serious concern of Friends, and it is much desired that the provisions of our Discipline upon the subject of Education may be revived in Friends' minds, and put in practice wherever it may be practicable.

The institution of Family Schools is considered by the Committee a very interesting subject; and we desire that Friends may be encouraged to keep alive a concern for their establishment, as way may open for it.

We propose the following Queries for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, to be sent down to our subordinate Meetings:

1. How many Schools are there within your limits, under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting and Family Schools)—and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the year?

2. How many children of Friends have attended Friends' Schools within the year?

Monthly Meetings are desired to answer these Queries in season for the Spring Quarterly Meetings, and the Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit their answers to our next Yearly Meeting."

—Which being read and considered, was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies of the same to our several subordinate Meetings; who were requested to give the necessary attention to preparing and transmitting answers to the two Queries, as proposed.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island,
from the 14th to the 19th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1835.

HAVING, in this our annual assembly, been enabled to dip together in feeling, in a good measure of that unity of spirit which is the bond of peace, our dear absent brethren have been brought affectionately to remembrance, with desires that they may be made partakers with us in some of the exercises that have pervaded our minds.

In reviewing the state of Society as brought before us by the answers to the Queries, Friends were impressively reminded of the obligation that rests upon every well concerned member of the body, others, as well as overseers, to labour after a right qualification of mind to enable them to admonish a brother, who may be overtaken in a fault, in the spirit of restoring love. "Go tell him his fault between thee and him alone," is an injunction of the highest authority. And were this duty of seasonable private admonition, thus attended to, in meekness and wisdom, we have no doubt that it would be blessed to the reclaiming of many in the early stages of deviation; and that an increase of strength and peace, an advancement in the pathway of holiness, would be witnessed by those who were engaged in these labours of love, and that they would thus become blessed both to the giver and the receiver. While on the other hand, those who indulge themselves in unnecessarily making the faults, real or supposed of others, a subject of conversation or communication by letters, and in spreading them abroad by these means, or who indulge an unwarrantable curiosity in listening to such conversation or letters, cannot but sustain a deep loss themselves, in addition to the great injury that they inflict upon the immediate objects of this detracting spirit, upon which a blessing can never rest, nor the dew of heaven descend.

The great neglect still apparent in the attendance of our religious meetings, particularly on the middle of the week, has been deeply affecting to our feelings, and we have greatly desired that our members may be stirred up to a sense of this important duty. May we be impressed with the obligation of attending *all* our meetings, as well on week-days as on the day which is set apart for that service by the common consent of the Christian world. If we are in the habitual neglect of mid-week meetings, although we may punctually assemble with our friends on first-days, when the law of the land *forbids* our attention to our secular concerns, does not our conduct plainly evince that we prefer our worldly interests to those things which affect our eternal welfare. As we neglect our duty in *this particular*, we shall invariably witness a consequent disrelish in relation to other religious duties, until we become as decayed and withered branches, which, not abiding in the true Vine, become barren and unfruitful. Let us, then, not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but may we be concerned, reverently to present our bodies, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is but our reasonable service. And as we are concerned, on these solemn occasions, to wait upon Him from whom alone all our spiritual strength is derived, we shall be preserved from being overcome with *drowsiness*, a weakness which, in some instances, has been fallen into, to the reproach of the high profession which we are making, in relation to the spirituality of divine worship.

It is truly painful to observe that, at the present time, when the public mind is becoming more and more awakened to the alarming evil of intemperance, and whilst others are engaged in persevering efforts for its removal, any who profess with us should be so unmindful of our well known testimony as regards this subject, and of the moral influence which a strict adherence thereto on the part of individual members would enable our society to exert in the world, as to indulge themselves in the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicinal purposes. May there be an increasing care faithfully to maintain this branch of our Christian testimonies, and we believe as this comes to be the case, we shall find that the necessity of resorting to the use of this pernicious article, even as a medicine, will be of extremely rare occurrence.

The violation of our testimony in relation to War, instances of which are acknowledged in the reports of several of our subordinate meetings, has been a subject of deep concern at this time. When we consider the leniency which has long been manifested towards our society, by the several state governments within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, we are led to the conclusion that the observance of military requisitions by any of our members must have been *voluntary*. An ignorance of the principles on which our objections to this anti-christian practice are founded, or a want of serious consideration thereof, is clearly evinced; and desires have been expressed in this meeting, that there may be a renewed attention to the circulation and perusal, among the younger part of our society, of such treatises as exhibit, in a striking manner, the unlawfulness of war, and its utter incompatibility with the principles of the gospel of peace. We are impressed with the belief, that as we are faithful in the discharge of our religious duties, our society may be made eminently instrumental, under the

divine blessing, in hastening the coming of that day, when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

And we earnestly desire that Friends may be impressed with the importance of maintaining a vigilant supervision over the dear youth under their care, early endeavoring to guard them against every thing which may give a wrong direction to their susceptible minds, carefully restraining them from attending military parades as spectators, and guarding them from the pernicious influence of those books wherein military fame is held up to view as a worthy object of pursuit.

The continued and aggravated wrongs of the oppressed and degraded coloured people in our country, has been a subject to which our minds have been turned, with renewed concern that we might feel the weight and importance of our testimony on this subject. We desire that Friends may become duly sensible that we have ever acted in relation to it, from religious considerations, and in accordance with the principles of the gospel of Christ. May Friends so continue to dwell under the influence of divine wisdom, and so attend to the pointings of Truth, that we may be preserved in such a consistent walking, as will best promote this great cause of Christian benevolence; and be careful that in all our movements we may act together in unity and love.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting aforesaid,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. *Clerk.*

At a meeting of the Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School,
held 8th mo. 7th, 1835—

The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends, and to point out, more explicitly than we have heretofore done, what we consider a proper dress for the children of this School.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimonies in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a hedge round about us, which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." And "let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price."

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver—were our hopes and dependence placed on Him—how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech and behaviour, which is strictly required in the School; and it will be expected of every male admitted into this Institution, that his body-coat, jacket and vest, be single-breasted, and without lappels or falling collars, and where any of these are figured, that they be of patterns consistent with the plainness required in other parts of the dress—and that they wear hats, caps being excluded.

In the dress of females, we expect a correspondent degree of plainness, and that they avoid the extravagance of the fashions of the present day. They will be required to wear silk, or plain straw bonnets, without any trimmings for ornament. Their frocks or gowns should be of materials that are plain in color, and conformable in the size of the sleeves, and in other respects to convenience and propriety, and not according to the vain fashions of the world. Their handkerchiefs and collars should be without edgings or trimmings—and no article intended for ornament merely, will be permitted to be worn.

In order to carry into effect these regulations, the Superintendents are to examine the trunks and packages of the children previous to admission, and if any articles are found unsuitable on account of plainness, or for any other cause, they will be laid aside, or altered, and the expense charged to the parents or guardians.

No scholar will be admitted into the School after the present quarter, or permitted to remain here, who does not comply strictly with these regulations. And Committees of Monthly Meetings are desired to be careful not to give certificates to any children who will not conform thereto.—On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

ARNOLD CONGDON, Clerk.

We are informed by a minute of our last Yearly Meeting that our proportion of stock is four hundred and fifty dollars — which our Treasurer is requested to forward to the Treasurer of that Meeting, when the state of the funds will admit.

The Auditors report that they have settled with the Treasurer, and find a balance due him of \$25 $\frac{2}{100}$.

The Representatives proposed, that the sum of five hundred & twenty five dollars be raised for the service of the ensuing year, which was united with, and our several Monthly Meetings were requested to forward their usual proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

The Queries were read, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2d, and 3d.

After a time of solid consideration, the Meeting united with the Women's Meeting, in approving the appointment by New Bedford Monthly Meeting, of Mary Taber, to the station of an Elder.

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, — with Minutes and Queries on the subject of Education, — and an acceptable Epistolary Communication from the same Meeting, were received & read, and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings. (For which see printed sheet annexed.)

Our esteemed friends Robert Comfort of Rochester Monthly Meeting, State of New York, and James Jones of China Monthly Meeting, in Maine, have attended this, as well as most of the Meetings within our limits, in which their company and religious services have been acceptable to us. — And the Clerk was directed to furnish them with copies of this minute, as it relates to each.

Our esteemed friends Valentine and Joanna Meader, of Nassauborough Monthly Meeting, have also been acceptable with us at this time. — Also, our esteemed friends Aidan Hoag, of Fennisburgh Mo Meeting, State of Vermont, and Betsey Furinton, of Providence, R. I.

Our esteemed friends Linn Riley, of Rochester Monthly Meeting, companion to Robert Comfort and Joel Jones, companion to James Jones, have been acceptably with us, and the Clerk was directed to furnish them with copies of this minute.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we conclude.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich,
1st of 10th Mo. 1835.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named to this Meeting, are,
For Sandwich, Seth Milley, Paul Wing, Silvanus Wing,
Pembroke, Calvin Shephard, Lucchus Estes,
Nantucket, Selan Paddock, Peleg Mitchell,
Dartmouth, Abraham Russell, Warren Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford,
Westport, Samuel Wade, Philip Potter, John A. Gifford,
New Bedford, Barn. Taber, Abⁿ. Shearman & Abⁿ. Davis,
who are all present.

Abraham Shearman, jun^r was appointed Clerk, and Calvin Shephard, Assistant Clerk, for this time.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2^d & 10th.

We are informed by Westport Monthly Meeting, that they have directed their proportion of Stock to be paid to our Treasurer.

This Meeting, after solid consideration, unites with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abraham Russell to the station of an Elder; & Abⁿ. Shearman, jun^r is requested to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

We also, with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, unite with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in discharging Louis Gardner from the station of an Elder, and Francis Taber is requested to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting hereof.

Our esteemed friend, Jacobus Bowerman, of Sidney Monthly Meeting, having attended this Meeting, and having also visited our Meetings of Friends within this Quarter, in which his company and religious services have been acceptable to us, the Clerk was directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford,
3d of 12th month, 1835.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are,
For Sandwich, Seth Milley, Matthias Gifford,
Pembroke, Edward P. Little, Adam Brooks,
Nantucket, Remwell Barnard, Isaac Mitchell, John Paddock,
Dartmouth, Lelly Gifford, Caleb Wade, Ebenezer Allen,
Westport, John A. Gifford, John A. Potter, John Macomber,
New Bedford, Sands Wing, Job Eddy, Geo. W. Parker,
who are all present.

NEW-ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.—6th mo. 1835.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Digest of the returns received from the several Quarterly Meetings, on the subject of Education, presented the following summary view of the information received. Copies of which the Clerk was directed to transmit to our subordinate Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, JR. Clerk.

[N. B. The returns received at the time of the Yearly Meeting, embraced all the *Monthly Meetings*, except one; an account from which has since been forwarded to the Clerk, and by him incorporated into the summary view here presented, making the returns complete from the whole Yearly Meeting.]

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.	No. of Children of an age suitable for instruction at School.				Number of Children actually at School within the year.				Number of Schools.			Average duration of Schools within the year.	Number of Teachers Members of Society.		Number of Children who attend District or mixed Schools.			
	Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.		Prepar. Meeting Schools.	Monthly Meeting Schools.	Family Meeting Schools.		Male.	Female.	Male.		Female.	
	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14							under 14	over 14	under 14	over 14
Rhode Island,	126	82	99	81	112	63	92	43			11	6 months.	4	11	109	53	78	34
Sandwich,	145	142	151	138	135	66	137	61	1		3	3 $\frac{1}{3}$ "	1	3	129	51	126	50
Salem,	151	100	131	97	140	77	119	63	2		1	6 $\frac{1}{3}$ "	1	3	123	69	105	65
Falmouth,	105	73	89	80	105	70	90	73			2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "		2	98	64	80	71
Smithfield,	105	86	99	76	105	79	99	54		1	5	6 "	1	6	85	56	71	40
Vassalborough,	197	138	172	124	192	134	169	125			3	5 "		3	192	134	169	125
Dover,	111	81	99	77	110	80	99	73			2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "		2	107	78	98	72
	940	702	840	673	899	569	805	492	3	1	27	5 $\frac{1}{3}$ "	7	30	843	505	727	457

In answer to Query 7, it is stated in the return from Salem Quarter, that care has been taken in the selection of Books for the Schools under the care of Friends; although it is found difficult to procure books in some of the branches that are consistent, in every respect, with our views. The answer from Smithfield Quarter states, that in one Monthly Meeting the books used by the schools were selected by a Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting. No answer is given to the query from any other quarter.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting informs, that eight Teachers of mixed Schools, viz. three males and five females, are members of our Society. A note attached to the return from Smithfield Quarter informs, that twelve Members of Society, viz. two males and ten females, have been employed in district schools within the past year, and that, at these schools, many of the children attended, which have been included in their return as having attended district or mixed schools.* A similar note from Salem Quarterly Meeting informs, that Lynn Preparative Meeting School, which was kept nine months, was suspended the other three months for the want of a Teacher.

* The other Quarterly Meetings have not given any information of this kind; but it is known that in some of them, and it is probable that in all, there are Teachers of district or mixed schools, who are members of our society.—Clerk.

From the returns above given, it will be seen, that there are, belonging to this Meeting, of an age suitable for instruction at school, (say from 4 to 21 years of age,)

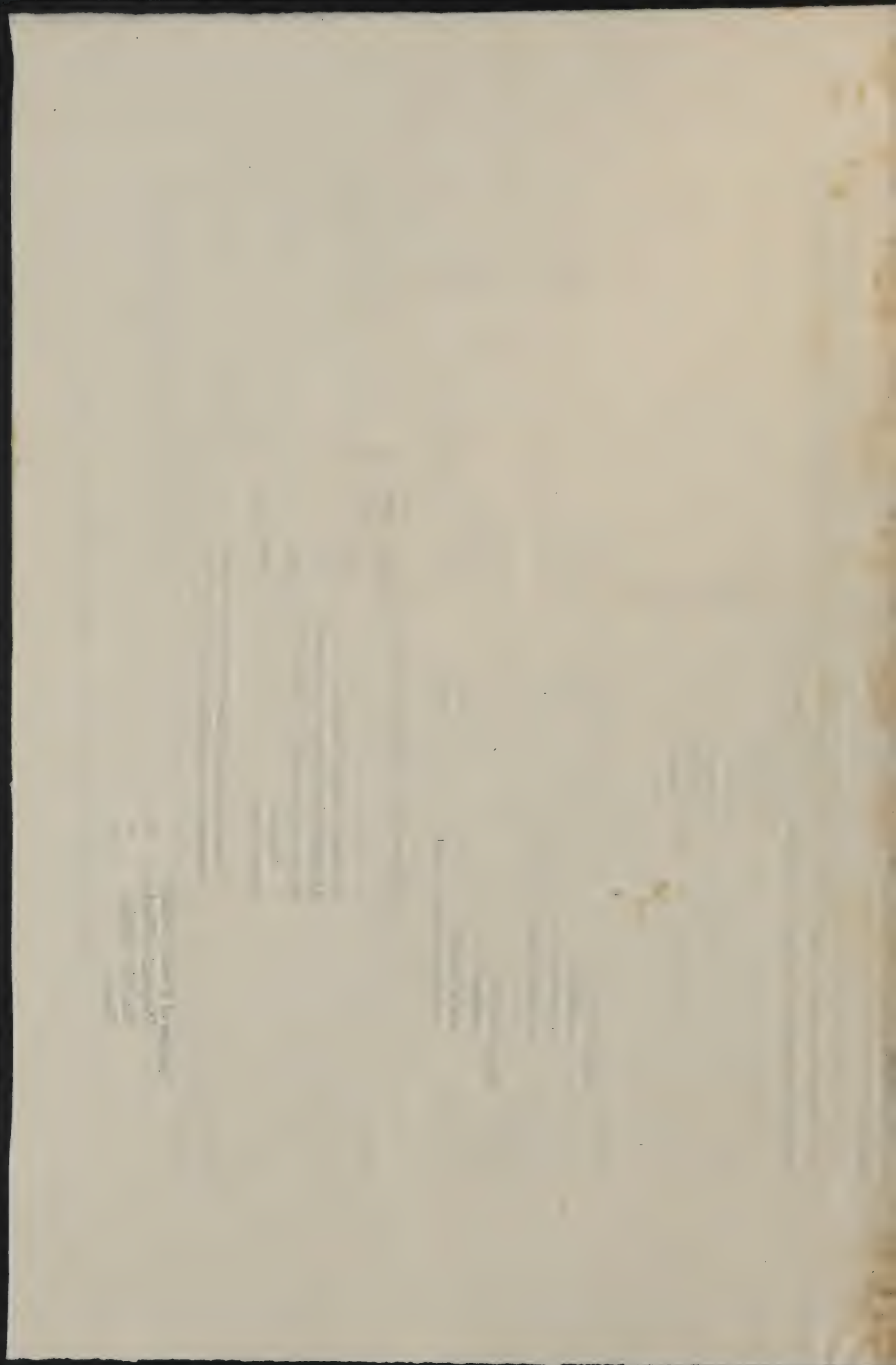
In Rhode-Island Quarter,	388
Sandwich,	576
Salem,	479
Falmouth,	347
Smithfield,	366
Vassalborough,	631
Dover,	368
	3155

Males, under 14,	940	Females, under 14,	840
at School,	899	at School,	805
not at School,	41	not at School,	35
at district or mixed Schools,	843	at district or mixed Schools,	727
Males, over 14,	702	Females, over 14,	673
at School,	569	at School,	492
not at School,	133	not at School,	181
at district or mixed Schools,	505	at district or mixed Schools,	457

Whole number of Children reported.....	Males, 1642
	Females, 1513
	3155
At district or mixed Schools,.....	2530*
Attended Friends' Schools, exclusively,.....	235
Whole number actually at School within the year,	2765
Not at School,.....	390†
	3155

* Some of which attended Friends' Schools part of the time.
† Of these, 133 are males, 181 females, over 14 years of age.

Number of Friends' Schools :	
Preparative Meeting,	3
Monthly Meeting,	1
Family,	27



Abraham Shearman, jun^r was appointed Clerk and Calvin Shepherd, Assistant Clerk, of this Meeting for the present times.

The Queries were read, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings to the first, second & tenth.

This Meeting, after solid consideration, and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Abraham Davis; and James Tucker is requested to inform the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders thereof.

We also unite with the Women's Meeting in approving the appointment by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Phoebe Tripp, to the station of an Elder; and with Westport Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Barbara Sifford to the same station.

A Digest of information furnished to our last Yearly Meeting on the subject of Education was received, and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our subordinate Meetings.

Our esteemed friends Valentine and Jouna Mendenhall having acceptably attended our Quarterly Meeting held at Vantucket in the seventh month last; and having also visited all the Meetings of Friends within our limits, in which their company and religious services were acceptable to us, the Clerk was directed to forward a copy of this Minute to Vassuboro Monthly Meeting.

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Wing attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us; and the Clerk was directed to unite with the Clerk of the Women's Meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude, proposing to meet, as usual in the fourth month next.

1) Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 7th of 14th month, 1836.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Friends therein named as Representatives to this Meeting, are, For Sandwich, Samuel Sifford, Thomas Allen, Prince Sifford, Sen. Pembroke, Calvin Shepherd, Adam Brooks, Vantucket, Prince Gardner, Joshua Henshaw, Isaac Mitchell, Dartmouth, Billy Sifford, George Smith, Isaac A. Sifford, Westport, John Potter, John W. Sifford, John Macomber, New Bedford, Barn: Taber, Geo. W. Parker, Sands Wing; who are all present.

The Representatives having proposed Abraham

Chairman, jun. for Clerk, and George W. Baker, for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting, for the year ensuing, their appointment to those services was united with.

It appears, from information now received that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their respective proportions of stock to our Treasurers, and that the Quarterly Meeting's proportion of stock has been paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The London general Epistle of last year was received, and read in this Meeting, to our satisfaction, and copies thereof, received from the Meeting for Sufferings, for that purpose, were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The Queries were read, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary was compiled, and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

Information, by way of answer, on the subject of Emancipation, to the two Queries, was received from all our Monthly Meetings — of which a summary was also directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

[For names of Representatives to Yearly Meeting, see account to that Meeting.]

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London, last year, and addressed to its own Members, was read in this Meeting, to the edification of Friends, and copies thereof, received from the Meeting for Sufferings, were directed to be forwarded to our several M^c. Meetings.

The Committee appointed in 1832, and continued in 1834, to visit Pembroke Monthly Meeting, produced the following Report:

"To the Quarterly Meeting. — The Committee appointed to visit Pembroke Monthly Meeting, inform, that since their report in the 7th month, 1834, nothing of importance has occurred to require their attention: and are united in believing that it will be safe to release the Committee from further service.

On behalf of the Committee, Francis Tabor, New Bedford, 4m^o 7, 1836. } Mary Coad, which being read, was acceptable to the Meeting, and the Committee released from further attention to this service.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk, viz

"To the ensuing Yearly Meeting.
Dear Friends,

I submit from the minutes of your last Meeting, embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee; with Minutes and Queries on the subject of Education; and an acceptable Epistolary communication from the same Meeting, have been received and read in this, and copies thereof forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

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A Digest of information furnished to the Yearly Meeting on the subject of Education has also been written, and copies thereof forwarded, as above.

The general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London, last year, and an Epistle from the same Meeting, to its own members, were read at this time, to our satisfaction, and copies thereof, received for that purpose from the Meeting for Sufferings, were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Our Treasurer has paid our proportion of \$100 to your Treasurers.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings, and the answers, many completed, therefrom, directed to be forwarded to you, together with a summary of information received from our Monthly Meetings on the subject of Education.

We have united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abraham Russell and Phoebe Triggs, and with Westport Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Barbara Sigford, to the station of Elders. — Also with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public Ministry of Abraham Davis, and in the appointment of Mary Taber to the station of an Elder. — And with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in displacing Jonas Gardner from that station.

We have appointed our friends Abel Akin, Barnabas Taber, Benjamin Tucker, Prince Gardner, Calvin Shephard, and John Macomber, our Representatives to your Meeting.

Signed in and on behalf of our Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford, 7th of 4th mo. 1836. by

Ab^m. Shearman, jun^r. Clerk.

The business next before this Meeting, being accomplished, we conclude, proposing to meet again as usual, in the fourth month next.

Summary of Answers to the Queries. — 4th mo. 1836.

Answer 1. All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline, except one small Meeting for Worship, have been duly held, and those on first-days attended by the greater part of our members, yet a few are too remiss herein. Mid-week Meetings and those for Discipline are more neglected. The hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour. A few not wholly preserved from sleep. Some care has been extended.

2. Love and unity are in a good degree main-

turned and directed towards a good end. I fear
yet some are not so careful herein as would be best. When
differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

3. A concern we believe prevails with a considerable
number to bring up those under their direction in plainness
and exemplary herein themselves; also to restrain them from
reading pernicious books and from consulting conversation;
while others do not appear duly to appreciate the importance
of this concern. The Holy scriptures are frequently read in
most of the families of Friends.

4. The use of Figurative Language is confined to most
civil purposes, with a few exceptions. The unnecessary fla-
giting of, however, mostly avoided. Some exceptions as
to other places of public resort and places of amusement
inconsistent with our profession, in which some care has
been extended. A good degree of moderation appears to
be maintained on the occasions referred to.

5. Clear as far as appears, except a few instances
of 'flaying' out.

6. We believe most Friends are concerned to main-
tain our testimony in regard to marriage; while others
appear to be deficient herein. A few instances of marry-
ing out are under notice.

7. Clear as far as appears, except a few instances of
young persons attending meetings of other societies. Some
care extended?

8. We know not but clear, except a few instances
of deficiency in a timely inspection and settlement of ac-
counts, and of failure in the payment of just debts, which
are under notice?

9. Our records appear to be pretty well attended.
A few instances of removal without certificate are under notice.

10. Friends are generally careful to deal with
offenders as quoried, but not always so reasonably as might
be best. Endeavours are used to place judgment when
necessary, according to Discipline?

Answers to the Queries on the Subject of Education

1. Two Preparative Meeting Schools. Average
of time kept during the year, three months.

2. Forty six children of Friends have attended
Friends' schools during the past year. And from recess
received from two Monthly Meetings, eighteen have attended
some portion of the past year Friends' Boarding School
at Providence?

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, Sixth Month, 1836.

The Committee to whom was referred the answers to the Queries in regard to Schools, and the subject of Education generally, produced the following Report, which was acceptable to the Meeting. And a concern being felt by Friends, that the interesting subject of the guarded education of our beloved children and youth, may continue to rest impressively upon the minds of all our members, and produce such efforts to accomplish the object in view as circumstances will admit, the Clerk was directed to forward copies of the Report to our subordinate Meetings, and they were requested to pay the necessary attention to preparing Answers, giving as much in detail as they are able, the information required; and transmit such answers and information, through the usual channels of communication, to this Meeting next year.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, JUN. Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, report, That they have taken it into consideration, and formed a digest of the information received from the several Quarterly Meetings. They regret that this information is not more complete in its details, to enable the Yearly Meeting to have a more definite knowledge of the number of children that have attended select or family schools the past year. The accounts, however, afford evidence that increased attention has been given to the subject, while they believe that much yet remains to be accomplished, within the power of Friends. The Committee are desirous that all our members should be encouraged to persevere in this important and very interesting concern. Were a more lively interest awakened, and renewed efforts made in reference to it, the results would doubtless prove extensively beneficial, and afford a source of satisfaction to those engaged to promote the guarded education of their children. By the accounts received, there appear to have been, in the course of the year,

22 Family,

2 Preparative Meeting,

and 3 Monthly Meeting Schools,

one or two of which have continued the greater part of the year, while the remainder have generally continued a few months only. The number of scholars that have attended them is reported to be about four hundred; making an increase since last year of nearly two hundred. Although we find by the reports, that the number of Friends' children within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, between the ages of *four* and *twenty-one*, is upwards of three thousand, yet about one seventh only, enjoy the advantages of schools under the care of members of our society. From this view of the subject, the importance of further exertion will urge itself, with peculiar force, upon the minds of Friends.

The Committee are well aware, from the scattered location of Friends in some parts of the Yearly Meeting, that many difficulties are to be encountered in carrying their wishes into practical effect. In concluding this report, however, we can but express an earnest desire, that the younger members of the society who expect to engage in the business of teaching, would participate in the concern which attends the minds of their elder brethren and sisters; and if they sometimes make a trifling sacrifice on their own part, to enable parents to avail themselves more extensively of their services, the consciousness of having been instrumental in doing good, will no doubt, be a sufficient reward. We do, therefore, earnestly hope, that a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of their own society, with the desire of becoming its useful instruments, will induce them to adopt a disinterested course, in accordance with Christian duty.

We would propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the Queries adopted last year, be again sent down to the subordinate Meetings, with a note appended, requesting them to be particular in making full and definite reports of *all* the Children that attend schools under the care of Friends, and in giving such other information in relation to this subject, as may be interesting and useful to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

MOSES A. CARTLAND.

NEWPORT, 6 mo. 17, 1836.

The Queries above referred to, are,

1. How many Schools are there within your limits, under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting, and Family Schools)—and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the year?

2. How many children of Friends have attended Friends' Schools within the year?

[Monthly Meetings are requested to answer these Queries in season for the spring Quarterly Meetings, and to add any further information on the subject of Schools that it may seem desirable for the Yearly Meeting to become possessed of, in conformity with the above Report. And Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit these answers to our next Yearly Meeting.]

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4. Quarterly Meeting, held at Northwell,
the 1st of 7th month, 1830.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Friends therein named as Representatives to this Meeting were: For Sandwich, Hannah Hildy, Samuel Doremus, Stephen Hildy, Pembroke, William Shepherd, Moses H. Rogers, Bartholomew, William Mitchell, John Paddock, Charles S. Hubbs, Bartholomew, Benjamin Tucker, Elizabeth Allen, Rev. M. Russell, Westport, John A. Gifford, Stephen Allen, John Macomber, New Bedford, Francis Foster, Benjamin Swift, Elisha Thornton, who are all present, except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

We are informed by a minute of the Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of Stock for the ensuing year is two hundred and ten dollars, which our Treasurer is requested to forward to the Treasurer of that Meeting, when the state of the funds admits.

The Committee appointed to examine & settle the Treasurer's accounts, report, that they have attended to that service, and find that there is a balance due him of seven hundred dollars, & 17 cents.

The Representatives proposed, that the sum of three hundred dollars be raised for the service of the ensuing year, which was united with, and our several Monthly Meetings were requested to forward their usual proportions of that sum, to our Treasurers.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends met, pursuant to adjournment.

The Queries were read, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, to the 1st, 2d & 10th.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, and the report of a Committee appointed on the subject of Education, with Queries annexed, were received & read, and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings, and they were requested to give the necessary attention thereto.

A minute of the Yearly Meeting, declaratory of the Faith of our Society in certain Christian Doctrines, was also received and read, and copies thereof were directed to be transmitted as above.

Our esteemed friends Joshua Lynch, of Upper Springfield M. Meeting Ohio, and Samuel Rhoads, of Darby M. M. Pennsylvania, have attended this Meeting, in which their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Rachel Thornton, of Creek M. M. (New York) has also been acceptably with us.

The company of our friend Samuel Woolman, of Upper Springfield M. M. Ohio, companion to Joshua Lynch, has also been acceptable.

The business brought before this. Meeting being undisturbed, we propose to meet again in the 10th month next, at Sandwich.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich, 6th of 10th month, 1836.

By the accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this Meeting are,
For Sandwich, Seth Killey, Samuel Wing, Daniel Swift, Pembroke, Samuel Brown, Isaacus Eskes.
" Nantucket, John Paddock, Chas. Smith, Isaac Mitchell.
" Dartmouth, Rev. Sidley, Jo. Gifford, " Sen. Tucker.
" Westport, Job Davis, John A. Stear, Wm. Gifford.
" New Bedford, Parnas Taber, Job Eddy, Wm. V. Taber.
who were all present, except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Quories were read in this Meeting, with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, to the first, second, and tenth.

After a time of solid consideration, we have united with the Women's Meeting, in approving, in concurrence with Pembroke Monthly Meeting, the public ministry of Sarah Keene.

An address prepared by the Meeting, for sufferings on the subject of supplying the inhabitants of the South Sea Islands, with spirituous liquors and munitions of War, was received and read, & copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The account from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting embracing the following information, viz.

" There is a case on our minutes, which when brought before us for judgment, appears to call forth a diversity of sentiment, and being desirous at all times to preserve that unity which becometh us as a people, we cordially come to the conclusion to ask advice of the Quarterly Meeting herein. — And have appointed Seth Davis, Ephraim Gifford, James Tucker, Benjamin Potter and Joseph Gifford, a Committee on behalf of this Meeting, to take charge of, and represent the case referred to."

Whereupon, this Meeting appoints Parnabas Taber, Samuel Wing, Seth Killey, Prince Gardner, Samuel Brown, Malviah Gifford, and John Macomber, to hear the Committee appointed by said Monthly Meeting to represent it, and give such advice after mature consideration, as in their judgment the circumstances of the case may require, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

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Our esteemed friends Joshua Lynch, of Ohio, and Samuel Rhoads, of Pennsylvania, having acceptably attended our Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket in the 7th month last; and having in the course of their recent visit in this Quarter, attended all the meetings of our Society within its limits, in which their company and services were acceptable to us, — the Clerk was directed to furnish them with copies of this minute, as it relates to each. *

Our esteemed friends John Wilbur, of South-Kingstown, and Benjamin Puffinton, of Swansea, & Monthly Meeting, — have attended this Meeting, — in which their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 12th month next, at New Bedford.

* Also to furnish our friend ^{Samuel} ~~John~~ Wolman, composed to Joshua Lynch, with a minute, expressive of his company having been acceptable to us.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford, 1st of 12th month, 1836.

Accounts being received from our several Monthly Meetings, the Friends therein named as Representatives to this Meeting, are, For Sandwich, Paul Wing, Henry Wing, Josh Kelley, " Pembroke, Edward P. Little, Calvin Shephard, " Nantucket, Herakiah Swann, Poley Mitchell, " Dartmouth, Genl. Foller, Daniel Howland, Lilly Gifford, " Westport, Samuel Glade, David Macomber, John Potter, " New Bedford, Francis Taber, Geo. W. Baker, Charles Wing, who are all present.

We are informed that Westport Monthly Meeting has directed its proportion of Stock to be paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, with answers from the several M^o Meetings to the 1st, 2^d & 10th. —

It appearing by the Answer to the 2^d Query, from Westport, that unity is not fully maintained, we appoint Cromwell Barnard, Joseph Gifford, Joseph Davis, Paul Wing, and Isaac Lawrence, to visit that Meeting, and any individual members of it that they may consider necessary, and to labour therein as way may open for it, and in the ability that may be afforded, for the restoration of harmony and love, — and report to a future Meeting.

The London General Epistle, and an Epistle of counsel from the same Meeting, to the Quarterly & M^o Meetings of Friends in G. Britain & Ireland, — both of the present year, — were read in this Meeting, to satisfaction, and copies thereof received from the Meeting for Sufferings, were directed to be forwarded to our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friends John Wilbur and Benjamin Buffinton having acceptably attended our Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich in the 10th month last, and having in the course of their recent religious visit in this Quarter, attended some of the Monthly, and all the particular Meetings of Friends within its limits, in which their company and services were acceptable to us, the Clerk was directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each.

Our esteemed friend Lindley M. Hoag attended this Meeting, in which his company & religious services were acceptable to us.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, to afford advice to the Monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, informed that they had given attention to the object of their appointment, but were not prepared to make a full report at the present time. They were continued, to report at a future Meeting.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 4th month next, at this place.

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4mo At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford
6th of 4th mo 1837

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings, the Friends therein named as Representatives to this meeting, are,

Caleb Sandwich, Leno Thayer, Samuel Gifford jr, Nathaniel Gifford,

" Pembroke, Zachariah Gates, Samuel Brown,

" Nantucket, Ben^r Goume, John Padack, Isaac Mitchell,

" Dartmouth, Warren Gifford, Caleb Shaw, Abner Potter,

" Westport, John A Gifford, Samuel Shide, John Potter,

" New Bedford, Job Eddy, Amosiah Delano, Barnabas Taber,

who are all present except one from Pembroke, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

We are informed that all our M^o. Meetings have paid their respective proportions of Stock to our Treasurer.

The former Clerk, having requested to be released, the Representatives ^{proposed} the appointment of Chas. G. Peabbs, for Clerk, and George W. Baker for assistant Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year, which was unitedly

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The Minutes were read in this meeting, with
answers from all our Mth. Meetings, from which
the annexed general answers were prepared, &
directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.
The following account to the Yearly
Meeting, was approved and directed to be signed
by the Yearly Meeting.

"To the ensuing Yearly Meeting,
Dear Friends

Extracts from the minutes of your
last meeting, embracing the Report of the Yearly
School Committee, — the report of a committee
appointed on the subject of Education, with queries
annexed: — and a minute of the Yearly Meeting,
declaratory of the faith of our Society in certain Chris-
tian doctrines — were revised and read in this meeting,
and copies thereof forwarded to our several Mth. Meetings.

We have also revised an address prepared by
the Meeting for Sufferings cautioning our own members
and others against supplying the inhabitants of the South
Sea Islands with spirituous liquors and munitions
of war: — The London general Epistle of last year: —
and an Epistle of counsel from the same Meeting to the
Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends in Great Britain
and Ireland — which were severally read, — and
copies recd. for that purpose, transmitted to our Monthly
Meetings.

The Minutes were read in this meeting
with answers from our several Monthly Meetings,
and the annexed summary compiled therefrom directed
to be forwarded you; together with a summary of the
communications received from our Monthly Meetings in answer
to the Queries on the subject of Education. —

Our Treasurer has paid our proportion of
Dues to your Treasurer.

We have united with Pembroke
Mth. Meeting in approving the public ministry of Sarah
Heene.

We have appointed as Representatives to
our Meeting, our friends Francis Taber, Matthias
Sippow, George Howard, James Tucker, Moses F. Rogers,
and Benjamin Garman.

Signed in behalf of our Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich 6th of 4th.
mo. 1837
Chas. F. Stubbs Clerk

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Information on the subject of Education.

By information received at this time, by accounts from some of our Monthly Meetings, and derived thro' the Representatives from others, it appears that

In Sandwich Monthly Meeting, there have been two Preparative Meeting Schools, one held 10, and the other two months; and one other School under the care of Friends, held for 6 months - These three schools have been attended by 52 children, members of Society - and that 50 children have attended the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, a part of the year.

In New Bedford Monthly Meeting a Preparative Meeting School has been held during the year, which has been attended by 31 children members of Society, (average number about 20,) and 24 children have attended some portion of the year, at Friends Boarding School.

No other schools, except the above, have been held under the immediate care of Friends.

The acct. from Dorchmouth Monthly Meeting states that six children have attended the Yearly Meeting School, about six months each. - that 12 teachers, male and female, members of our Society, have been employed in the District or mixed Schools, within their limits, where most of their children have attended.

Several District or mixed Schools, in other Monthly Meetings have been taught by Friends. - The number of children that have attended the Yearly Meeting School, not reported.

Subsequently to our last Quarterly Meeting, our friend Lendley M. Hoag, having attended several meetings belonging to this Quarterly Meeting, in which his company and services were to the satisfaction of Friends - the Clerk is directed to furnish him, with a minute embracing the substance of this, and the minute of last Quarter on the subject.

The business brought before us being accomplished, we propose to meet again, in the 7th. mo. next at Nantucket.

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Summary of the Annals to the Quakers 4mo 1837

1st. All our Meetings for religious Worship and Discipline have been attended - those on first days by most of our members; yet a few are deficient in feeling; and much neglect is apparent in the attendance of mid-week Meetings and those for Discipline. The hour is nearly observed. Sleeping appears in a few at times; Of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear. Some care has been extended.

2^d. Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained, and detracted guarded against by most Friends; while a few are deficient in these important duties. When differences have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them.

3^d. Most Friends, we believe, are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and are exemplary, seeing themselves; also to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from concealing conduct; while much deficiency is apparent in some in these respects. The Holy Scriptures, we believe, are frequently read in most Friends families.

4th. Friends are, with few exceptions, careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and mostly careful to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns & places of public resort. Moderation appears to be generally observed on the occasions referred to.

5th. Clear as far as appears, except a few instances of placing children from amongst Friends.

6th. We think most parents endeavour that marriage be conformable to Discipline; while some of the young, and unmarried do not manifest sufficient regard therefor.

7th. Our testimonies in these respects appear to be generally maintained - with an exception noticed (as one of the accounts, of young persons attending Meetings of other Societies).

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Ans 8th. We believe most friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, while a want of timely care in those respects is manifest in some. A few instances of failure in the payment of just debts, under notice.

9th. Our records appear to be well attended to, with some exceptions, ^{noticed} in two of the accounts, as to births and deaths. A few instances of removal without certificates are under notice.

10th. Care is taken, to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, though not in some cases so seasonably as would be best; and endeavours are used to place judgment, when thought necessary, according to Discipline.

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St. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket 6th. of 7th. mo. - 1837.

Accounts being received from all our W. Meetings, the Representatives therein named, are as follows.

St. Andrew - Henry Smith, Daniel Burman, & Lucius
Pembroke - Samuel Brown, & Wm. Ellis.

Nantucket - Thimbal Starbuck, & James Austin

Duckmouth - Ebenezer Allen, & Isaac Russell, Isaac R. Giff

Westport - Saml. Stoddard, Peter Devol, John H. Potter

South Westport - John Hawthorne, & Samuel L. Lee

George W. Baker.

who are all present.
The Representatives to the County Meeting report they all attended.

In a minute of our last Yearly Meeting we are informed that our Representatives to the County Meeting have collected three hundred and sixty dollars, which we trust is reported to forward notice the State of the general account.

In a minute of the same Meeting we are informed that our Representatives to the County Meeting have collected three hundred and sixty dollars, which we trust is reported to forward notice the State of the general account.

EXTRACTS
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 11th to the 16th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1837.

THE annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and the attention given by the Committee to the concerns of the Institution placed under their care, was satisfactory to this Meeting. The following is the Report:—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The Boarding School Committee Report, that they have endeavoured to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in giving their attention to the various concerns of the Institution.

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony has prevailed. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and thirty-four. At the present time there are twelve scholars in the Institution who are not members of our religious Society, all but two of whom are connected with Friends. Our friends Enoch and Lydia Breed have continued, acceptably, to act as Superintendents, during the past year, but desiring to be released, we have at this time agreed with our friends Rowland and Alice Rathbun, to serve the Institution in that capacity, who are expected to enter upon this service the first of next month. Moses B. Lockwood, Jonathan L. Slocum, Samuel Austin and Lewis Taber are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Mary-Ann Barker, Emeline Aldrich, and Elizabeth H. Osborne, in the Girls'. George F. Reed is employed as instructor in the Languages. Isaac Hathaway continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of school hours, and to act as book-keeper, and Free-love Greene is employed as a care-taker of the Girls, and has charge of the sewing School.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the Institution is in debt, \$5,158 65 cts. This debt may be ascribed, principally, to the high price, for the past two years, of the various articles of consumption required in the family, and to there not having been so large a number, as heretofore, admitted into the School, who were not members of our Society, the terms of whose admission are higher than for members. In order to meet the present deficiency, we have requested the Treasurer of the School Fund to effect a loan of five thousand dollars. It appearing to the Committee, that some means must be adopted to liquidate this debt, and to meet the probable current expenses of the School for the future, we propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, that Books and Stationary be charged to the scholars, at their cost at wholesale; that the privilege granted Monthly Meetings be suspended; that the allowance for travelling expenses to children who come from the three eastern Quarterly Meetings, be reduced from *six* to *four* cents per mile; and that the general price of board and tuition, (for members of this Yearly Meeting,) be raised to *seventeen* dollars per quarter, payable as heretofore, in *advance*—to commence on the first of *eighth* month next. By adopting this arrangement, with the probable reduction of cost in the articles of consumption, it is believed that the expenses of the School may be met, and the debt gradually discharged.

The amount of funds belonging to the Institution, for the schooling of poor children, including the bequest for that purpose by our late friend Moses Brown, is \$6650. It is proposed that this should be kept, by the Treasurer, distinct from the general funds; and the income of it will support twelve children, six months each, at seventeen dollars per quarter.

We have continued to appoint committees to examine the School semi-annually, who, on these occasions, have devoted several days to the service. By their reports we are informed, that the general appearance of the School has been such as to give them much satisfaction. The scholars have given encouraging evidence of attention to their various studies, in most of which they have exhibited a proficiency alike creditable to them and to their teachers. There has been an agreeable manifestation of a conformity, on the part of the children, to the advice of Friends in respect to plainness.

In adverting to the past year we feel bound to acknowledge the preservation that has been mercifully extended to us, under which we trust, the School has been continued in good degree, in accordance with the intentions of the Yearly Meeting in its establishment.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th of 5th month, 1837.

THE several propositions, contained in the preceding Report of the Boarding School Committee, having been referred for consideration, to a Committee of this Meeting, they produced, at a subsequent sitting, the following Report, which was united with, and was directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, in connection with the Report of the School Committee, viz.

"*To the Yearly Meeting.*—The Committee to take into consideration the propositions contained in the Report of the Boarding School Committee, report, that they have given them their careful consideration, and that they are united in opinion, that it will be best for the Yearly Meeting to adopt them, for the present year. We would propose however, (in accordance with the intention of the School Committee,) that the class Books, for reading, should be supplied to the scholars, free of expense, and that this information be appended to the Report of the School Committee.

"We would propose, in order for a proper selection of poor children to occupy the privilege of the charitable Fund,* that Monthly Meetings be requested to ascertain the number of children of this description, in their respective Meetings, and to communicate their names and ages to the acting Committee of the School, by the time of their meeting in the 9th month next, at Providence.

On behalf of the Committee,

Newport, 6th month 14, 1837.

THOMAS JONES,
MARY T. BROWN."

[*The words of Moses Brown's Will, in relation to his bequest, are,—“for the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such, by the respective Monthly Meetings; and females are to have equal advantages of the whole of this legacy as males.”]

This Meeting having again taken under deliberate consideration, the propriety of admitting Children into its Boarding School, who are not members of our Society, came to the conclusion, that it would not be advisable to receive any children who are not members, except in those cases where one or both Parents are members, and who, in the judgment of the acting Committee, are proper subjects to become inmates of the Institution.

Answers to the Queries on the subject of Education, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, were read, and a Committee appointed to compile a digest of the information therein contained, and if way should open for it, to prepare a minute of advice on this subject. At a subsequent sitting, the Committee presented the following Report, viz.

"*To the Yearly Meeting.*—The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, report, that by the information received from the several Quarterly Meetings, there appear to have been, in the course of the past year, three Monthly Meeting schools, averaging six months; three Preparative Meeting schools, which averaged eight months; fifteen Family schools, averaging seven months, and one recently established. Also five private or select schools, under the entire control of Friends, but not confined exclusively to Friends' children. The number of scholars who have attended the above schools, [or who have received instruction at the Yearly Meeting's Boarding school,] is reported to have been about five hundred and fifty; making an increase, since last year, of one hundred and fifty. Several district schools have been taught by members of our Society.

"Although the information derived from the answers to the Queries, is not so full and explicit as would have been desirable, yet it affords evidence of the interest felt, by many Friends, in the welfare of the rising generation, by providing the means of acquiring a guarded education. While some parents, in many parts of our widely extended Yearly Meeting, are making commendable exertions to bring up their children in the way they should go, we regret that this concern is not more extensively felt. In looking over our Society, and beholding the children who are soon to take the places of the parents, and upon whom the important concerns of Society must ere long devolve, a deep solicitude is felt on this account, that the clay in the hands of the potter may not be marred on the wheel. We are aware that some of the peculiar testimonies which we are called upon to sustain, and which distinguish us from other religious denominations, are liable to be viewed by our children, who are compelled to associate with others in acquiring a practical education, as presenting a formidable obstacle in the way of their continuing consistent members of our Society;—and we earnestly recommend to parents, and particularly to those whose locations are so remote from each other, as to render it impracticable to establish schools of their own, to endeavor to remove this obstacle, as far as it may be done, by providing the means of instruction in their own families, and by impressing upon the minds of their offspring the importance of building up this hedge about them, which may prove the blessing of preservation in after years.

"In conclusion, we would simply advert to the necessity of still maintaining a lively interest in this highly important and interesting concern, not only as a duty incumbent upon us, but as a means of contributing to the happiness and welfare of the beloved youth.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM REYNOLDS."

Which having been read and considered, was satisfactory to us; and this Meeting having long been deeply interested for the guarded education of the children and youth of our Society, recommends this subject to the solid attention of Friends; and directs that copies of the Report be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England,—Sixth month, 1837.

This Meeting having been brought under exercise for the preservation and right advancement of the Christian testimonies, which distinguish us, to a great extent at least, from the various other bodies of professing Christians,—a concern has prevailed, that in all our movements to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, whether it be the amelioration of the condition of our fellow beings who are suffering under oppression, or the moral and religious improvement of our brethren of the human family generally,—a recurrence may be had, by all our members, to the ground of religious concern, and to the guidance of that Wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated,—and which is profitable to direct us in the path of safety. And under this exercise, an earnest solicitude has been felt, that we may do nothing to compromise the testimony to the spiritual nature of Divine worship, borne by our early Friends, when called upon to leave the various religious denominations with which they had been associated, and again to revive among the nations in which they were scattered, a testimony to the operative influence of the Spirit of Truth upon the mind of man, so amply borne witness to in the Holy Scriptures, as essentially necessary to the performance of every religious act, and for our guidance in every good word and work. And while we desire that we may all maintain a spirit and temper which will prevent us from condemning, or in any way attempting to impede the well meant endeavors of others to promote any of the objects of Christian benevolence, or of moral reform, that occupy the attention of the public mind, in the present day ; we have believed that the preservation of the precious testimonies to which we have alluded, and our influence, as a religious Society, in promoting the important objects, alike desirable to every benevolent mind, very much depend upon a close adherence to our peculiar principles.

Under these considerations, we have believed, that to open our meeting-houses to Lecturers, whose opinions and principles, on many subjects, that *we* consider of primary importance, are widely different from ours, and which we apprehend are frequently brought into view in such lectures, will have a tendency to draw off the minds of our members, from an establishment in the truth of those principles which have ever been maintained by us, and from a practical exemplification of them in our conduct. It is therefore our advice and judgment, that all such applications for the use of our meeting-houses, may be discountenanced by Friends.

Extracted, by direction, from the Minutes of the Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk.

...proposed that the sum
 of ... be raised
 for the ... year; which
 being ... and several months
 collecting and requesting to forward this re-
 spectable proposition of that sum to our ...

Extracts from the minutes of our
 last ... embracing the report of
 the Boarding School Committee - with min-
 utes upon the subject of Education; and that
 of opening our meeting houses to Lecturers on
 subjects of moral reform - were ...
 read to our satisfaction and copies thereof
 prepared for that purpose, ordered to be for-
 warded to our several M^c Meetings.

Adjourned to the 4th. Nov. this
 afternoon.

Afternoon ... again met
 pursuant to adjournment.

The Quorum were ... in this
 meeting, with answers from all our M^c
 Meetings to the ...

The Committee appointed in
 10th. mo. last year, to ... to ...
 M^c Meeting, ... the following ...
 "The Committee appointed in 10th. mo. last to
 to receive such advice to Dartmouth M^c Meeting as
 they might find necessary. Report that we have
 attended to the object of our appointment and have
 extended such advice to that meeting as in our
 opinion was necessary - with which we are
 informed that meeting, has ... and
 believe no further attention from us to be neces-
 sary."

Resolved 7th. mo. 5th. 1837

in behalf of the Committee
 Benm^d. Taber.

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June which was acceptable to friends, and
the committee are discharged from any further
care in the case.

An address of our last Yearly
Meeting, to its own members, and those
of other Christian Communities, on the sub-
ject of slavery, was received and read -
and being acceptable to this meeting, was
directed to be forwarded to our sister M^{rs}.
Hutings.

The company, and religious services
of our friends Joseph Hoag, of Springfield
M^{rs}. Hutings, and some others of this town M^{rs}.
Hutings, of New York, William Bernard of Somerset
M^{rs}. Hutings, Ohio, and Moses H. Baker of Salem
M^{rs}. Hutings, have been acceptable to us at the
institution: as also the company and religious
services of our friends Edward Hoag of Springfield
M^{rs}. Hutings, and Anna M. Horn of this town M^{rs}.
Hutings - The company also of our friends
Joseph C. Bennett of New York M^{rs}. Hutings,
of New York, and William H. Hoag of Springfield
M^{rs}. Hutings, Vermont, has been acceptable to us.

The company also of our friends
Thomas Hall of Port Creek M^{rs}. Hutings, Ohio,
companions to our friend William Bernard;
and a few others of Port Creek M^{rs}. Hutings N. York,
companions to our friend Anna M. Horn has
been acceptable to us, and the latter is directed
to furnish them with copies of this minute
as relates to each respectively.

The business brought before us
being accomplished, we propose to meet again
in the 10th. mo. next at Sand Creek.

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St. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
held at Sandwich 5th. of 10th. mo. 1837

Accounts being, reviewed from all our
Monthly Meetings. the Representatives therein
numbered are as follows

Sandwich - Stephen Holmes, Melville Gifford, Simon Kelley.
Tomboko - Zachus Estes, Moses F. Rogers.
Northwick - B. G. Gardne, Job May, Chas. G. Stables.
Dorchester - Theodore Gifford, Seth Davis, Kittelson & Pomeroy.
Westport - John W. Gifford, John Macomber, David Macomber.
New Bedford - Benj. Taber, Abner Shammis, Wm. R. Taber.

who are all present but one, for whose
absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Minutes were read in
this meeting, with answers from all
our Monthly Meetings to the last second
and thirds.

Northwick Monthly Meeting
informs that there is a case before that meeting,
which they have ^{not} been enabled to bring to a sat-
isfactory issue; and they desire the advice of this
meeting thereon - whereupon we appoint Seth
Kelley, Seth Davis, Calvin Shepherd, Francis
Taber, Isaac Lawrence, Bruce Gifford of Dorchester,
& James Sucker, to hear the committee of that
meeting, render such advice, after mature
consideration of the subject, as they may be
able to afford, and report to our
next Quarterly Meeting.

The business brought before
us being, accomplished, we propose to
meet again in the 12th. mo. next at
New Bedford.

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12 Nov. M. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held
at New Bedford 7th. of 12th. mo. 1837.

Accounts being received from all our
M^c. Meetings the representatives therein nam-
ed are
Sanwich - Thomas Allen, Nathaniel Gifford.
Pembroke - Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown.
Nantucket - Cornwall Barnard, John Paddock.
Dartmouth - Benjaⁿ. Gidley, Joseph Gifford, Benjⁿ. Tucker.
Westport - John Potter, Saml. Stade, John W. Gifford.
New Bedford - Amos B. Selang, Wm. R. Taber, Josiah
Helms junr., Barnabas Taber.
who are all present.

Westport M^c. Meeting informs that its proposition
of stock has been decided to be paid our Treasurer.
Nathaniel Gifford having appeared from
the recordant of New Bedford M^c. Meeting, in denying
him the right of membership; and that meeting,
having appointed a committee to represent the case,
we appoint Thomas Allen, Paul Wing, Moses
R. Rogers, Samuel Brown, Benjamin Gardner,
Saban Paddock, Isaac R. Gifford, Ebenezer Allen,
Samuel Stade, John Macomber, to hear the
appellant, and Committee from the M^c. meeting;
and report to our next Quarterly Meeting;

The Queries were read in this meeting
with answers from our several M^c. Meetings to the
first, second, and tenth.

In this meeting, at the time of said
consideration, and the concurrence of the women's
meeting, has united with New Bedford M^c. Meeting,
in the appointment of Barnabas Taber to the station
of an Elder - and with Nantucket M^c. Meeting,
in the appointment of Selig Mitchell to the same
station - and James Tucker is appointed to inform the Select
Legality Meeting. The committee appointed at our last
meeting, to render advice to Nantucket
M^c. Meeting, report, that they have attended to
the appointment, and rendered such advice as

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to the ^{appeared} proper - which has been informed
was satisfactory to that meeting. - no ³⁹ is acceptable to this meeting.

The London General Epistle of
the present year, has been acceptably read in
this meeting, and copies furnished for the
purpose, are directed to be forwarded to
our several M^t. Meetings.

At a time of solid consideration
this meeting concurs with the morning meeting
in electing with ^{Sanwich} M^t. Meeting in the
appointment of Rhoda Bowennan to the place
of an Elder.

The company and religious services
of our friends Thomas Anthony of Green. m^t, James
Jones of China, and Daniel Clapp of W^tbury,
M^t. Meetings have been acceptable to us in this
meeting - the company also of our friend Elizabeth
Hodge of Providence M^t. Meeting has been acceptable
to us at this time, as also the company
of our friend Nathaniel Austin of Chena. M^t.
Meeting. Companies of our friends James Jones -
and the clerk is directed to furnish them
with copies of this minute as relates to each
respectively.

The business brought before us being
accomplished our people to meet again in
the 4th mo next at this place.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at
Chen. Bafa. 5th mo. - 4th mo. 1838.

Accounts being received from all our M^t.
Meetings the Representatives therein named to
this meeting are,

- For Sandwich - T. H. Kelly, Henry Wing, Abel J. H. H.
 - " Embroke - Edward T. Little, Moses T. Rogers.
 - " Northket - Zach. C. Davis, Prince Parker, Chas. B. H. H.
 - " D. L. M. H. - T. C. W. H. H. Lawrence M^t. H. H.
 - " H. H. H. - T. C. W. H. H. Lawrence M^t. H. H.
 - " H. H. H. - T. C. W. H. H. Lawrence M^t. H. H.
- who are all present.

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4 mo

We are informed that all our Monthly Meetings have paid their proportions of Stock to our Treasurer; and that this meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting's Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting.

The representatives having proposed that S. M. H. be Clerk, and George W. Baber be Assistant Clerk of this meeting, and the propositions being accepted withal, they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Minutes were read in this meeting, with answers from all our M^o. Meetings, from which the annexed general minutes were prepared, and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting being read, was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk. [See Account below]

An Epistle from the Meeting for Sufferings to the members of this Yearly Meeting, has been received and copies furnished for the purpose directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

" To the Yearly Meeting of Friends,
held in London for the purpose.

" Dear Friends,

Extracts from the minutes of the last Yearly Meeting embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee, with minutes upon the subject of Education, and that of opening our meetings houses to believers on subjects of moral reform - also the address on the subject of Slavery, were received and read in this meeting, and copies thereof forwarded to our several M^o. Meetings.

The London General Epistle of last year was also received and read, and copies prepared for the purpose, transmitted to our M^o. Meetings.

The Minutes were read in this meeting, with answers from all our M^o. Meetings; and the annexed summary of their labors, was directed to be forwarded you.

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Our Treasurer informs that he has paid our
proportion of \$20 to your Treasurer.

We have united with Rev. Beards,
Mr. Moring, in the appointment of Barnabas Carter;
with Sandwich, in the appointment of Abner Bon-
arman; and with Sandwich in the appointment
of John Stubbins to the station of Moses. We have
also united with Sandwich Mr. Moring, in ap-
pointing the public ministry of Anna S. Wingo.

We have appointed, as Representatives
to your meeting, our friends Barnabas Carter, Prince
Parsons, Carlosa D. Little, Lino Phelps, Job Cady,
and John Macomber.

Signed by direction of Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 5th mo 4th
1838

Chas. G. Stubbins Clerk

The Committee appointed at our last meeting
relating to the report of Abner Gifford from the
judgment of Rev. Beards Mr. Moring, made the
following report, viz:

"To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting may
be held at New Bedford."

Dear Friends,

We your Committee
appointed in 12th mo 1837 on the report of Abner
Gifford, from the judgment of Rev. Beards Monthly
Meeting were then and have all attended that
meeting, and after having listened to, and read
the report and Statement, as also the doings of Rev.
Beards mo. meeting in the case, represented by that
meeting's Committee - are united in sentiment
that the judgment of Rev. Beards Mr. Moring be
confirmed.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Isaac R. Gifford
Samuel Stubbins
Benjamin Parsons
Moses S. Rogers
John Macomber
Robt. Atkin "

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H. m. which was accepted by the meeting, and
the judgment of said M^c. meeting, leaving
him the right of membership is confirmed.
and Barnabas Stiles, & Prince Parker, are
appointed to give the applicant this information.

The committee appointed in
12 B. mo. 1836 to visit Westport M^c. Meeting,
report "that they have attended to their appoint-
ment, and extended such advice as they con-
sidered necessary, and that it appeared to be
well received, and they believe harmony to be
in a good degree restored" which being satis-
factory to this meeting, they are discharged from
any further care in the case.

Our beloved friend Ruth Davis
attended in this meeting a concern which
had for some time very fully impressed her mind,
to attend the approaching Yearly Meetings of Phila-
delphia, and New York, and if necessary should
open for it, to attend the monthly meeting of
Baltimore, and perform a religious visit to
the families of friends of that meeting, -
as expressed in a certificate of concurrence
of New Bedford M^c. Meeting - which claiming
the solid considerations of this meeting, the
unity, and sympathy of friends were expressed
therein, and she left at liberty to pursue
her prospects as Truth may open the way, she
being a member in unity with us & the clerk
is directed to endorse the substance of this
minute on the certificate from the B. mo. meeting
and sign it in behalf of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Abigail Davis
informed this meeting that she felt it her duty
to stand resigned to accompany her sister Ruth
Davis, in her proposed visit to Philadelphia,
New York, and Baltimore, as expressed in a
minute of New Bedford M^c. meeting - which
claiming the solid considerations of the meeting,
was united with - she being a minister in
unity with us, and the clerk was directed
to endorse the substance of this minute on the

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Certificate of the M^o. Meeting, and sign it
in behalf of this meeting.

Francis John Jackson, Thomas
H. L. Gifford, James Tucker, Samuel Wing &
Abraham Chuzzle, are appointed to advise with
the friends now at Liberty to travel as by
above minute, and render them any necessary
assistance preparatory to their visit.

After a time of mighty consideration
we unite with the members meeting, in
approving the public ministry of Amos D. Wing,
of Sandwich M^o. Meeting.

The company and careful labors of our
friend John Mabee of Providence M^o. Meeting,
have been truly satisfactory to us in this meeting,
and the clerk is directed to furnish him with
a copy of this minute.

The business brought before us
being concluded, we propose to meet again
in the 7th mo. next at Nantuxet.

Summary of Answers to the Queries

4th mo. 1838

1. 1st. If our meetings both for worship and
discipline have been duly held, and generally
attended by most of our members; yet there appears
to be a neglect in other some in this important duty.
This has nearly observed. A few are not preserved
from it, - other unbecoming behaviour generally
clear. Some care taken in the above deficiencies.

2. Love and unity are maintained among
us, although not so fully by all as would be
best. Detraction generally guarded against.
Conferences have been used to end differences when
they have appeared.

3. A care rests on the minds of friends to
bring up those who are there disaffected in plain-
ness, and are exemplary herein themselves; also
to restrain them from reading pernicious books,
and from corrupting conversation. While some do
not appear to be sufficiently impressed with the
importance of this concern. The Holy Scriptures we
believe are frequently read in families & families.

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4th. Friends are generally careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns; other places of public resort, that are carefully guarded against by all as would be best - a good degree of moderation appears to be observed on the occasions referred to.

5th. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query, except some instances of playing children for a moment's amusement - for which some care has been extended.

6th. Most Friends appear to be careful in these respects, but some deviations have occurred which are under notice.

7th. As far as appears Friends are careful to maintain our testimony in these respects, with a few exceptions in regard to private wages, in which our testimony has not been fully maintained, and care has been extended.

8th. Most Friends appear to be careful as it respects the several parts of this query. In a few instances where it has appeared necessary, care has been extended.

9th. Proceedings appear to be generally attended to. A few instances of removal of individual certificates are under notice.

10th. Care is smartly taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried; and endeavours are used to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

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A Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at
Nantucket 5th of 7th mo - 1838.

By the accounts received from our
several M^d. Meetings, the Representatives to
this meeting are, for

Sandwich - Daniel Gove, Simon Baker, Jth Hope.
Pembroke - Moses S. Rogers, Calvin Shepard.

Nantucket - Job May, Obediah Buiⁿ Gardner.

Westport - John R. Gifford, David Macomber, Job Davis.

Sped. Boxford - Geo. W. Baker, Wm. Tallman, Josiah Holmes, Jth.

Dorchester - Seth Davis, Isaac Loring, Abner Miller.

who are all present but one, for whose absence
a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting
report they all attended.

We are informed by a minute of
our Yearly Meeting, that our proportion of stock
is three hundred ninety dollars; which our
Treasurer is requested to forward, when the
State of the funds will admit.

The Com. met to examine and
settle the Treasurer's acct. report they have
attended to that service and find a balance
in his hands of nineteen doll. 23/100.

Exacts from the minutes of our last
Yearly Meeting, with the Report of the Boarding
School Com. were read, and acceptably
received in this meeting; and copies thereof
were directed to be forwarded to our several
M^d. Meetings. [See printed sheet annexed]

Adjourned to the fourth hour
this afternoon.

Afternoon met agreeably to
adjournment.

The Queries were read in this
meeting, with answers from all our
M^d. Meetings to the first, second, and tenth.

The Representatives proposed, that the
sum of five hundred dollars be raised for the
service of the ensuing year; which being united
with our several M^d. Meetings are requested to
forward their respective proportions of that sum
to our Treasurer.

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The Committee to arrange for the support of the decision of our last Quarterly Meeting in his case report he has been informed.

Our esteemed friend Maria Davis opened in this meeting a concern that has for some time impressed her mind to perform a religious visit to some of the meetings of Friends within the limits of New York, Albany Meeting, as expressed in a certificate of concurrence of Dartmouth M^c. Meeting - which having claimed the weighty considerations of this meeting, the unity, and sympathy of friends were expressed therewith, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may open the way - She being a minister in unity with us. The clerk is directed to endorse the substance of this minute on the certificate of the M^c. Meeting and sign it on behalf of this meeting. James Shuber, Francis Sabers, Abiah M^c. Shannan, J. C. C. Hawland, and Isaac Lawrence are appointed to advise with the friend now set at liberty to leave as by above minute and render any necessary assistance preparatory to her visit.

The company and religious services of our friend Joseph John Gurney, of Great Britain have been truly acceptable to us in this meeting. He produced certificates of ^{the unity of} his friends at home with his present religious engagements in this country, which were read to our satisfaction.

We have also had the company of our friend Richard Holt of Purchase M^c. Meeting New York, whose religious services have been truly acceptable to us - and we are informed that he has attended several meetings belonging to this Quarterly Meeting, in which his company and services were very acceptable to friends.

The company also of our friend Hannah H. Batty of Hackensack M^c. Meeting State of Penn^a has been acceptable - as also the company of our friend Henry Hinsdale of N. York M^c. Meeting, companions of our friend Joseph John Gurney - and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as relates to each respectively.

EXTRACTS
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 10th to the 15th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1838.

THE following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and a Committee appointed to consider the several propositions therein contained.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have continued, during the past year, to give their attention to the various concerns of the Institution. Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held, and harmony has prevailed. During the past autumn the School was visited, in common with the neighborhood, with Scarlet Fever, which attacked a large number of the inmates of the Institution, and proved fatal in two instances. In consequence of this solemn dispensation, many of the scholars returned to their homes, and did not subsequently re-enter the School; though for the past few months the family and scholars have been favored with the enjoyment of usual good health. The average number of scholars during the past year has been seventy-nine.

Our friends Rowland and Alice Rathbun are employed as Superintendents; and Samuel Austin and James Chase as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Emeline Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'. George F. Read has charge of instruction in the Languages, and assists in keeping the Books; and Freeloove Greene continues to act as a care-taker of the Girls, and to attend to the Sewing School. Moses B. Lockwood, who has recently left the Institution, has been employed as principal Teacher in the Boys' School during most of the past year.

The Committee have from time to time had under their consideration the propriety of dividing the year into two terms, with a vacation at the close of each term, instead of continuing under our present arrangement. Many advantages, it has appeared to them, would result from adopting this plan. It has, for several years, been a desirable object to enable the Teachers to introduce a better classification of the scholars in their various studies, than has been practicable under the existing system of admission at irregular intervals, and which they have believed would much facilitate their improvement. It has appeared to the Committee reasonable, that the health of the Teachers should be consulted, by affording them such relaxation from their employment as would result from the adoption of this arrangement. The consideration that the health of all the inmates of the Institution may be promoted by a more thorough cleansing of the house, twice in each year, than can be effected while its various apartments continue to be occupied, has also had much weight with them.

They are therefore united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, that the year be divided into two terms of twenty-four weeks each, each term to be succeeded by a vacation of two weeks; the Summer term to commence on the second day preceding the first fifth day in the fifth month, and the Winter term on the second day preceding the first fifth day in the eleventh month; and that the last week of each term be occupied in an examination of the Schools, by Committees from time to time especially appointed to that service by the general School Committee.

Should this arrangement be approved by the Yearly Meeting, it will be expected that children shall enter the School at the commencement of each term; and consequently that the time of their continuance there, shall not, except under peculiar circumstances, and the approbation of the Acting Committee being first had, include a part of a term.

While this arrangement would, in the view of the Committee, be of essential advantage to the School, they are induced to believe that, when once carried into operation, it would not materially affect the convenience of parents. By far the greater number of children from the more distant parts of the Yearly Meeting now enter the School for a term of six months; and very few from any quarter remain there for a longer time, without making a visit to their friends. In cases, however, where *great* inconvenience is likely to arise to parents or children from the adoption of this plan, should any such present, the Committee will endeavor to make arrangements for their accommodation.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by \$1345 28 cts., and that the present indebtedness of the Institution is \$3813 37 cts. For more particular information of the expenditures we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account herewith

presented. The pecuniary situation of the School will not, we think, warrant any reduction in the terms of admission from those concluded on last year; and we therefore propose that the price for members of Society, of our Yearly Meeting, be *thirty-three* dollars per term—for those who are not members of Society, who may be admitted, one or both of whose parents are members, *forty-five* dollars per term; and for members of other Yearly Meetings, *fifty* dollars per term, payable in advance. Books and stationery being furnished, as during the past year, at actual cost; with the understanding, that when scholars leave the School, the Books with which they have been supplied may be returned, by their paying for the use of them.

Seven scholars have received the benefit of the charitable fund, and by the terms of the Will of the principal donor, claims to the amount of \$131 04 cts. have been provided for, leaving a balance unexpended of about \$60—and supposing the income of this fund to continue the same, the ensuing year, the amount will be about \$460, which will support fourteen scholars one term each; and it is proposed that such Monthly Meetings as have children who are proper objects of this charity should make immediate application to the Acting School Committee for their admission.

We have continued to appoint Committees to visit the Schools, and attend to the examination of the Scholars in their various studies, once in six months. From the Report of the Committee who visited the School in the third month last, made to us at this time, we think it may be satisfactory for us to make the following extract:—‘The Committee to visit and examine the Schools report, that a number of them met at the time appointed, and proceeded to examine the Scholars in most or all the branches in which their attention had been engaged; and we feel free to acknowledge that we have cause to be thankful for the proficiency manifested by them in their various exercises, it being evident that they, as well as their Teachers, have been mindful of their duty, and that their attention had not been exclusively confined to improvement in literary and scientific studies, but that the more important pursuit of life, the attainment of piety and virtue, had not been overlooked. The deportment and general appearance of the Scholars were much to our satisfaction, and the harmony that manifestly prevails throughout the family is an evidence that the Institution is still under the care of Him who is able to preserve.’

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th mo. 4th, 1838.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee appointed to take into consideration the several propositions contained in the preceding Report of the Boarding School Committee, produced the following Report, viz:

“*To the Yearly Meeting.*—The Committee to whom was referred the propositions contained in the Report of the School Committee, have had the same under consideration, and have concluded to recommend, that the Yearly Meeting adopt that in relation to dividing the year into two terms of twenty-four weeks each, with vacations of two weeks each between them, and recommend that Friends conform themselves thereto in sending their children to the School. It is, however, considered by this Committee to be desirable that a liberal construction should be given to the rule providing for admission for not less than six months, in favor of such as may wish to go for a shorter term, to complete the time they propose to spend at the School.

“And after some discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the terms of board, tuition, &c. proposed by the School Committee, be adopted.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE,
ALICE CHASE.

6th month 13th, 1838.

Which being considered, was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to append this Report to that of the Boarding School Committee, when transmitted to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

It appearing by the Report of the School Committee, that the charitable fund will support fourteen scholars one term each, Monthly Meetings that have children who are suitable objects of this charity, are requested to make immediate application to the acting School Committee for their admission, in order that such children (as are admitted by said Committee) may be in readiness to enter the School at the commencement of the Winter term, [which in the present year will begin on the 29th of tenth month.]

DURING the time that has been occupied in considering the state of Society, as brought into view by the answers to the Queries, a covering has been spread over the Meeting, under the influence of which we have been made in degree to rejoice, in the feeling, that notwithstanding our many backslidings,—that stripped and peeled as we are,—we are not yet forsaken by the Great Head of the Church; but that in condescending goodness, He is still disposed to be with us and to do us good; and that ‘in returning and rest,’ we may still be permitted to have hope in His continued mercies.

Much of pertinent counsel and caution was feelingly imparted, by concerned Friends now with us; and we were affectionately exhorted, in the love of the Gospel, to ‘be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die.’ That the Church endeavoring, through holy help, to edify itself together in love, may enter into a deep travail of spirit for a qualification to labor for the removal of every hurtful thing from within its borders; and especially, for the restoration of love and unity in cases of sorrowful departure from this sure badge of discipleship, that have been deeply painful to many minds; and that the members of the church individually, may be concerned, in preference to every other pursuit, to ‘seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.’ Then, we were feelingly reminded, should we cease to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, for the solemn object, the reasonable duty, of worshipping our Father who is in Heaven; and that being cemented together in the bonds of brotherly love, we should be enabled unitedly to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Parents were tenderly exhorted to watch, with affectionate solicitude, over the minds of their children, and to seek in seasons of religious retirement with them, for ability rightly to discharge the very important duty of teaching them diligently, in the way that they should go; and the dear children were persuasively entreated, not to give way to any feeling that would lead them to withdraw themselves from under parental control, and to pursue a course of action independent of the counsel and advice of those who are thus watching over them for their good; but to bear in continued remembrance, the impressive injunction: ‘Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.—Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise.’ And that *all*, of every age, may endeavor practically to bear in mind, that to the same extent that we are living members of the true church, we are members also one of another, and shall be led to consult its peace, by being kindly affectioned one toward another, and preferring one another in love.

A frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, with minds rightly turned to Him, under the influence of whose Spirit they were given forth—The restraints of Divine grace, operating upon the mind, in ordering our conduct and conversation among men;—an attention to its influence in restraining the perusal of improper books;—a careful regulation of our outward concerns by ‘the limitations of Truth’—and a faithful maintenance, on christian grounds, of the simplicity of our profession in behavior, speech, and apparel—were subjects, among others, that were also feelingly touched upon.

And our dear absent Brethren being brought into affectionate remembrance, with desires that they may be enabled to participate, in some degree, in the exercises that have engaged the attention of Friends, the Clerk was directed to forward copies of this Minute, with the other extracts, to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of New-England Yearly Meeting, held Sixth Month, 1838.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk.

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The business brought before us being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th. mo. next at Sandwich.

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4th Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 4th. of 10th. mo. 1838.

Accounts from all our M^t. Meetings have been received and the representatives therein named are

Sandwich - Ebenezer Wing, Robert Wigg, Moses Smith.
Pembroke - Zachary Estes Edward P. Little.

Nantucket - Laban Padanah, Prince Gardner, & S. G. Smith.

Dartmouth - Humphrey Armstrong, Ebenezer Allen, Benⁿ. Foster.

Westport - Stephen Allen, John W. Gilson, Philip, & John

New Bedford - Abraham Shearman, Francis Schuyler, Benⁿ. Taber.
who are all present.

The Journals were read in this meeting, with addresses from all our M^t. Meetings to the first second, and tenth.

The London Yearly Meeting General Epistle for the present year, has been acceptably read in this meeting.

The company and religious services of our friend Charles F. Coffin of Sidney M^t. Meeting have been acceptable to us at this time; as also the company of our friend Atlas Pope of Leeds M^t. Meeting. His companions - and the Clerk is directed to furnish them, with copies of this minutes as relates to each respectively.

The business brought before us being accomplished we propose to meet again in the 12th. mo. next at New Bedford.

St. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at
New Bedford 6th of 12th mo. 1848.

Accounts being received from all our M^o
meetings the representatives therein named are
for Sandwich Samuel Wm. Leno, Kelley & Daniel Howeman
" Pembroke Edward P. Little & Chas. Ellis
" Nantucket Jas. Austin John Saddock & Percy Mitchell
" Dartm. Caleb Shide Silly Gifford & Prince Allen
" Westport Peter Devoe Sam^l Shide & John W. Gifford
" New Bedford Amariah Delano Reuben Russell &
Geo. W. Baker

who are all present but two who we are
informed are prevented from attending by sickness

The Clerk being absent George W. Baker
is appointed Clerk and Abraham Shearman
assistant Clerk for the time.

Westport Monthly Meeting informs that
its proportion of stock has been directed to be paid
to our Treasurer

The queries were read in this meeting with
answers from all our monthly meetings to the
first second & tenth

Pembroke Monthly Meeting having in their
account requested the advice of this meeting as by
the following minutes.

"The Overseers of this meeting have requested
the advice of Friends in a case which has been pre-
sented for their decision and we have thought it expedi-
ent to request the advice and assistance of the Quarterly
meeting and refer you to them for the particulars of said
case and desire you to render such advice as may
be necessary for them under existing circumstances"

We appoint Seth Kelley James Cucker & Abram
Shearman Prince Gardner & Samuel Shide to render
such advice and assistance as they may consider
necessary & report to a future meeting.

Our esteemed friend Lindley M. Terry attended this meeting in which his company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The friends appointed in the 11th & 12th months last to render assistance to friends themselves at liberty to travel, reported that they had given attention to their appointment.

The business brought before us being accomplished we propose to meet again in the 11th month next at this place.

Geo. W. Baker Clerk for the time.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, held at New Bedford 4th of 4th mo. 1839.

Accounts being received from all our M^o Meetings the Representatives therein named to this meeting are,

For Sandwich - Lem. Thellus, Ebenezer Wing, Prince Gifford.

" Pembroke - Samuel Brown, Moses S. Rogers.

" Fairhaven - Prince Gardner, Isaac Mitchell.

" Dartmouth - Job Eddy, Truman Lawrence, Abner Russell.

" Westport - Saml. Stade, Peter Sevol, Felix Wilbur.

" New Bedford - Barna. S. Labeer, Geo. W. Baker,

John Howland.

who are all present.

It appears from information now received, that all our M^o Meetings, have paid their proportion of stock to our Treasurer; and that this meeting's proportion of Yearly Meeting's Stock, has been paid the Treasurer of that meeting.

The Representatives having proposed Chas. F. Stubbs for Clerk, and George W. Baker for Assistant Clerk of this meeting, and the propositions being united with, they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

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Homo. The queries were read in this meeting, with answers from all our M^o. Meetings; from which, the annexed general answers were compiled, and directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Yearly Meeting.

After a time of solid consideration, this meeting ~~this meeting~~ writes with Sandwich M^o. Meeting, the appointment of Thomas Akins to the station of an Elder, with the concurrence of the next meeting. & James Tucker is appointed to inform the Next Quarterly Meeting here of.

Friends of Westport M^o. Meeting inform, that they have a prospect of building a new meetinghouse within the limits of Centre Preparative Meeting, and request our advice, with respect to its location — & James Tucker, Isaac R. Pifford, Isaac Lawrence, Francis Saker, Job Eddy, & William Potter, are appointed to render them the necessary advice on the subject, and report to our Next meeting.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting, to extend advice to Pembroke ^{M^o} Meeting, report: they have given attention to their appointment, and extended such advice as appeared suitable to the case — which is acceptable to this meeting.

The following account to the Yearly Meeting, being read, was approved, and directed to be signed by the Clerk

"To the ensuing Yearly Meeting
Dear Friends,

The several extracts from the minutes of the last Yearly Meeting, with the report of the Boarding School Committee, were received and read in this meeting, and copies forwarded to our several M^o. Meetings.

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The London General Epistle, was also
read and read, and a copy forwarded as
above. The Queries were read in this
meeting, with answers from all our M^o.
Meetings, from which the annexed summary
was prepared, and directed to be forwarded you.

We have united with Sandwich
M^o. Meeting in the appointment of Thomas
Akins to the station of an Elder.

Our Treasurer informs that he
has paid our proportions of Stock to your
Treasurer. We have appointed our friends
Abraham Russell, Samuel Brown, Jerro Kelley,
Isaac R. Gifford, Barnabas Taber, Prince
Gardner, George Howland, John Howland, Samuel
Hodge, Newell Hoxie our Representatives to your
meeting;

Signed by direction of Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 4th of
4th mo 1839..

Chas. G. Stubbs, Clerk

The business brought before us being
accomplished, we propose to meet again
in the 7th mo next at Nantucket.

Answers to the Queries.

4th mo 1839

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and
discipline have been duly attended, and gen-
erally by the greater parts of our members: yet
a few are deficient in the attendance of those
held on the first day of the week, and mid-
week meetings, and those for discipline, are
neglected by a considerable number. The
Law is nearly observed. Mostly clear of
unbecoming behaviour, a few instances of
sleeping excepted. Some care has been expended.

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Ans. 2. Most friends endeavour to preserve love and unity, and to guard against dissension. Yet some are not so careful in these respects as would be best. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

Ans. 3. A care appears to rest on the minds of most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, who are themselves good examples herein; much deficiency, however, in regard to the fulfilment of these important duties is apparent in some. We know not but the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

4th. We believe friends are mostly careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns, — other places of public resort, not so carefully avoided by all as would be best — a good degree of moderation appears generally to be observed, on the occasions referred to.

5th. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query, with two exceptions of playing out from amongst friends.

6th. Care we believe is prevalent with most friends, that proceedings with respect to marriage may be conformable to discipline; yet some deviations have occurred, and are under notice.

7th. Friends are careful to maintain our testimonies in these respects, with a few exceptions in which our testimony to a free Gospel ministry, appears not to have been fully maintained: Some care taken.

Ans. 3th. We believe friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this query, except a few instances of failure in the performances of promises, and payment of just debts, under notice.

9th. Marriages all recorded, births and deaths not all; a few removals without certificates, ^{which mostly} are under notice.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, although not in all cases so seasonable as would be best, and endeavours are used, to place judgment according to discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket 4th of June 1839.

Accounts being received from our several monthly meetings accepting Westport the representatives there named to this meeting, are from Sandwich Prince & Moore Thomas & Kin Stephen Swift. Embury Moses & Rogers Nathan & Shepard Nantucket John Paddock Isaac Mitchell Dartmouth Seth Davis Warren Gifford Daniel Gifford New Bedford Reuben Russell Susan Holmes & Geo. W. Baker who are all present, except three.

The clerk being absent, Abraham Shearman was appointed clerk for this time.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

We are informed by a minute of our last Yearly meeting that our proportion of Stock is three hundred and

ninety dollars which our Treasurer is requested to forward to the Treasurer of that ^{meeting} when the state of the funds will admit.

The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts report that they have attended to that service and find a balance in his hands of nearly one \$100 dollars.

The representatives propose that the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year. Which being satisfactory is united with and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their usual proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

Adjourned to the 14th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met agreeably to adjournment.

An account was received from Westport Mr. Meeling. The Representatives therein named to this meeting, are Peter Bond Stephen Allen & Job Davis who are all now present. Their earlier arrival having been prevented by adverse winds.

Next the Representatives from Dartmouth, who were absent at the previous sitting are also now present having been detained by the same cause.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee with the circular of that Committee issued in 1835.

thereto appended were received and read; and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

The Quere were read with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st Q. & 10th.

EXTRACTS
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 16th to the 21st, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1839.

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, with the Circular of the Committee, issued in 1835, thereto appended. From the Minutes of said Meeting,
A. SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.

In again presenting their Annual Report to the Yearly Meeting the School Committee feel it right, notwithstanding some discouragements, gratefully to commemorate the mercy that has been extended to us, through which the various inmates of the Institution have been preserved in good health, and the School, we have cause to believe, has continued to be useful to those who have been placed in it.

Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the time of the vacations, and harmony we believe prevails. The average number of scholars during the past year has been seventy-seven.

The late Superintendents of the School having resigned their trust, we have engaged our friends Allen and Olive Wing to act in that capacity, who have entered upon the discharge of their duties; and Jonathan L. Slocum, Samuel Austin and George F. Read, are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the debts of the Institution have been reduced during the past year, and that its present indebtedness is about two thousand dollars. For more particular information of the receipts and expenditures we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith presented. In the present condition of the finances of the School, we have not thought it proper to propose any change in the terms from the prices of last year—which are \$33 per term, for members of this Yearly Meeting; \$45 for those scholars who are not members, where one or both parents are members, and \$50 for the members of other Yearly Meetings, payable in advance. Ten Dollars per term, additional charge, is made for instruction in the Languages. We have concluded to propose that stationary and books be furnished the children, for their use in the School, free of expense, except such as are necessary in the study of the higher branches, including the Mathematics and the Languages, and that these be supplied at their actual wholesale cost.

The income of the charitable fund will about support *ten* scholars, one term each, and Monthly Meetings that may desire to occupy the privilege are requested to make application to the Acting School Committee in season for their admission at the commencement of the winter term, which this year will be on the fourth day of the eleventh month.

The division of the year into two terms with vacations has, we think, proved salutary in practice, and the examination at the close of each term has been interesting and useful; but in order that it may not be interrupted during its progress, we desire that no child may be withdrawn from the School until it is completed, which it is intended shall take place on fifth day of the last week of the term; so that children will be ready to leave on sixth day morning of that week.

The observance of plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, among the inmates of the Institution, has continued to claim our very serious attention, and we have laboured for the maintenance of the ancient testimonies of our Society in these respects. We have believed that usefulness might result from again forwarding the accompanying Circular, issued in 1835, to the several meetings of Friends; and the various Committees of the Monthly Meetings in recommending scholars to the School, as well as parents and guardians, are earnestly requested to exercise a care that the provisions therein contained are faithfully observed.

We also think it right to remind Friends of the established regulation of the School, that none are admitted into the male department, over fourteen years of age, who have not previously received permission from the Sub-Committee, which meets at the School House in Providence on third day preceding the first fifth day in every month.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 3d of 5th month, 1839.

[The next Summer term will commence on Second-day, 5th mo. 4th, 1840.]

At a meeting of the Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School,
held 8th mo. 7th, 1835—

The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends, and to point out, more explicitly than we have heretofore done, what we consider a proper dress for the children of this School.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimony in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a hedge round about us, which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." And "let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price."

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver—were our hopes and dependence placed on Him—how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech and behaviour, which is strictly required in the School; and it will be expected of every male admitted into this Institution, that his body-coat, jacket and vest, be single-breasted, and without lappels or falling collars, and where any of these are figured, that they be of patterns consistent with the plainness required in other parts of the dress—and that they wear hats, caps being excluded.

In the dress of females, we expect a correspondent degree of plainness, and that they avoid the extravagance of the fashions of the present day. They will be required to wear silk, or plain straw bonnets, without any trimmings for ornament. Their frocks or gowns should be of materials that are plain in color, and conformable in the size of the sleeves, and in other respects to convenience and propriety, and not according to the vain fashions of the world. Their handkerchiefs and collars should be without edgings or trimmings—and no article intended for ornament merely, will be permitted to be worn.

In order to carry into effect these regulations, the Superintendents are to examine the trunks and packages of the children previous to admission, and if any articles are found unsuitable on account of plainness, or for any other cause, they will be laid aside, or altered, and the expense charged to the parents or guardians.

No scholar will be admitted into the School after the present quarter, or permitted to remain here, who does not comply strictly with these regulations. And Committees of Monthly Meetings are desired to be careful not to give certificates to any children who will not conform thereto.

EPISTLE

FROM THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND, TO ITS SUBORDINATE MEETINGS.

BEING again permitted to meet in our annual Assembly, our dear absent Friends have been affectionately brought to our remembrance, and we have been desirous that they might be partakers to some extent with us, in the exercises and interesting concerns that have claimed our attention.

Our meeting has been large and solemn; and we have had cause reverently to acknowledge that the wing of ancient Goodness has been in measure mercifully over us, and under its covering we have been favoured to conduct the concerns of the Church, that have come before us, in much brotherly love—to the Lord be the praise. We have had the acceptable company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have laboured to our comfort and edification.

By the Answers to the Queries, it appears that there are many deficiencies within our borders, and we have been brought earnestly to desire that there may be an increased concern among our members individually, faithfully to labour for their removal. A neglect of attending meetings for divine worship, particularly in the middle of the week, and a want of love and unity are among the painful deficiencies that are brought into view. Love to God and love to man—on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. When we remember our dependence upon Almighty God; when we reflect that every blessing that we enjoy both temporal and spiritual proceedeth from Him; that all things were formed and are still sustained by the word of His Power; that it is of His mercy that we are not consumed; how can we neglect the reasonable service of assembling ourselves together to worship Him? And how, beloved Friends, can we put up our petition to Him, that He will be pleased to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, while we continue to harbour in our hearts unkind feelings towards a brother? If we are wanting in these two most essential qualifications of the christian—love to God and love to man,—it is in vain for us to attempt to support availingly, any of our religious principles and testimonies; and we have been renewedly made sensible that a deficiency herein has led to the other departures that have been brought to our notice. Let us, dear Friends, scrupulously examine ourselves and know the condition of our hearts in this respect.

Among the failures in duly maintaining our religious testimonies we notice with sorrow, some of a military nature. The faithful support of our religious views of the peaceable nature of the Gospel of Christ has been felt by us at this time to be of great weight. We believe that our predecessors in religious faith had their minds divinely illuminated to understand the teachings of Christ and his Apostles on this subject, and that it is our duty to endeavour to come up faithfully in their footsteps. There are, as we apprehend, errors on either hand on this important doctrine; but we earnestly crave for our members that they may be preserved on the ancient, christian ground of our religious Society; believing that they will find this to be practical and safe ground for them to stand upon.

It is a day, beloved Friends, when the eyes of the people are much turned towards us: and we have ardently coveted that our Light might so shine before men that they seeing our good works may glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

The doctrine of the necessity of the immediate, qualifying power of the Holy Spirit in order for the discharge of religious duty, has ever been a fundamental principle of our Society, and must continue to be acknowledged by all faithful Friends as being necessary for us practically to receive. Our testimonies against War, Oaths, Slavery, &c. are *religious* testimonies; and we believe we can only successfully plead them before the world, or effectively enforce them upon others, as we receive this Heavenly qualification from the Great Head of the Church.

This Meeting has been introduced into much concern that our members may be preserved from attempting in their own time and strength to do the work of the Lord. Remember the declaration of the dear Redeemer—"My time is not yet come; but your time

is always ready." And we have been led to fear that in associating with others who do not acknowledge, as we do, the need of this immediate, divine qualification in order for the performance of religious duties, we are in great danger of neglecting this fundamental principle, and of attempting to act with them in our own strength and zeal; and thus lose that ability to labour successfully in the Lord's cause which He is pleased graciously to vouchsafe to those whom He calls into His service. And under this feeling of concern we believe it right for us tenderly to persuade our dear Friends to avoid mingling with the various associations of the day for the support of those Christian testimonies which our Society has peculiarly felt itself called upon to bear before the world; but keeping together as a religious body, in love—looking unto the great Helper of His people for Holy assistance, we may yet trust, in the Lord's own good time, to be in some measure the humble instruments in His hand of doing His heavenly will.

Oh! dear Friends, let us be engaged to watch unto prayer; let us gather home in the spirits of our minds unto the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, and reverently wait upon Him; that thus we may be preserved from the spirit, the maxims and the policy of the world that leads unto death. May we be favoured to abide in Christ—"As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me." And now, beloved Friends, farewell. We desire that in simple faith we may commit ourselves into the preserving hand of Him "who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy—to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power forever."

Signed by direction, and on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 16th to the 21st of the Sixth Month inclusive, 1839.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.

HANNAH GOULD, jun. Clerk.

An Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting, addressed to its subordinate meetings was received and read and led to an expression of general satisfaction with its contents and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof as above.

The Committee appointed as by minute of our last Yearly Meeting to extend advice to Friends of Westport relative to the location of a meeting house which they had a prospect of building, informed that they had attended to their appointment, but were not prepared to make a conclusive report. They are continued to give such further attention to the subject as they may consider necessary and report to our next meeting.

Our esteemed friend Joseph Edenton of Belmont Me. Meeting Ohio has attended this meeting, in which his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. He has also attended several of the monthly and most of the particular meetings within our limits to the satisfaction of friends.

The company and religious services of our esteemed friend Benjamin Fay of Sandwich N. H. have been acceptable to us in this meeting. He has also acceptably attended most of the meetings within our limits.

The company and religious services of our esteemed friends Oliver C. Coggeshall and Rachel Sherman of New York have also been acceptable to us.

As has the company of our esteemed friend William Dances of Ohio, companion to our friend Joseph Edenton.

And the Clerk was directed to furnish them with copies of these minutes as relates to each respectively.

Our esteemed friend Susan Howland, feelingly

opened in this meeting a concern that had for a considerable time weightily impressed her mind to pay a religious visit to the meetings constituting scipio Quarterly meeting and to appoint a few meetings among those who are not members of our society, and if way should open for it to attend some meetings within the limits of Termination Quarterly meeting as expressed in a certificate of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting. — which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting was feelingly united with, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way, and a minister in unity with us. And the Clerk was directed to endorse the substance of this minute on the certificate of the Monthly Meeting and sign it on our behalf.

Besides the attendance of the Friends mentioned above the companions and religious services of our dear friends Daniel Wheeler and Elizabeth Robson of Great Britain have been acceptable to us at this time. They produced certificates of the unity of their friends at home with their present religious engagements in this country, which were read to our satisfaction. Those of our friend Daniel Wheeler were from Bally Monthly & York Quarterly Meetings both held in the 6th and the morning meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in the 4th mo. 1838. — of our friend Elizabeth Robson from Hantsdown West Monthly and Doncaster Quarterly Meetings both held at Liverpool in the 9th and the meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in the 10th mo. 1838.

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The company of our friend Thomas Robson who accompanied his wife Elizabeth Robson in her present religious visit in this country, has also been acceptable to us. He produced a minute from the monthly meeting of "Cardshaw West" held at Liverpool in the 12th Month last, certifying that he was a member of that meeting and in unity and good esteem as an Elder.

The business brought before this meeting being concluded, we propose to meet again in the 10th mo. next at Sandwich.

Abraham Shearman & Clark
for this time

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at
Sandwich 3^d of 10th mo. 1839.

Accounts being received from all our monthly meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are from

Sandwich Ebenezer Wing Abel Allen, Suburban Pine
Pembroke Lucius Estes Samuel Brown,
Yarmouth Laban Paddock Isaac Mitchell Frederic Arthur
Dartmouth Loug Kirby Jos. Gifford Henry Tucker
Westport John Macomber Isaac Macomber Solomon Gifford,
New Bedford Barnabas Coker Abraham Davis & George
Howland

Who are all present except one whose absence we are informed is occasioned by ill health.

Our Friend Charles G. Stubs who has very satisfactorily served this meeting as clerk for several years having deceased.

George W. Baker is appointed clerk till the usual time of appointment in the 11th month next.

The Queries were read with answers from our several Monthly Meetings to the 1st Q. & 10th.

After a dinner of solid consideration this meet. was united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Prince Gardner to the Station of an Elder. — The women's meeting concerning Lewis and Francis Taber is requested to inform the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders hereof.

Westport Monthly Meeting informs that they have collected their proportion of stock to be paid to the Treasurer of this meeting.

The Committee continued at our last quarterly meeting to extend advice to the Monthly Meeting of Westport informs that they have continued their attention in the case but are not ^{yet} ready to make a final report.

The same Committee are again continued and requested to report when their labors may be accomplished.

The business brought before us being concluded we propose to meet again in the 12th mo. next at New Bedford.

Geo. W. Baker Clerk for the time.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford the 5th of 12th mo. 1839.

Accounts being received from all our monthly meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are from,

Sandwich, Paul King Daniel Swift Zeno Kelley
Pembroke, Edward P. Little Otis Ellis

Nantucket, John Folger Isaac Mitchell Pehy Mitchell

Dartmouth, Job Eddy Abner Potter Benjamin Tucker

Westport, Stephen Allen Jas. D. Pickham Ephraim Kirby

New Bedford, Amariah Gilman Barnabas Taber Abel D. Wolf

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Who are all present except one.

We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Samuel Gifford: the women's meeting concerning herin and Francis Taber is named to inform the select Quarterly meeting hereof.

The Committee continued at our last Quarterly Meeting to advise with Friends of Westport Monthly Meeting ~~xxx~~ relative to the location of a new meeting house which they contemplate building presented the following report. viz. "To Sandwich Quarterly meeting next to be held at New Bedford

Dear friends,

We your committee appointed in 4th mo last to render advice to Friends of Westport in regard to the location of their contemplated Meeting House (within the limits of Centre Meeting have given attention thereto and have forwarded in writing to that Monthly Meeting our united judgment in the case."

12th mo. 1839.

Francis Taber
James Tucker
William Potter
Isaac B. Gifford
Job Eddy
Isaac Lawrence "

The Report was accepted by the meeting and the Committee discharged.

Our Esteemed friend John Willbourn attended this meeting with a minute from South Kingston Monthly Meeting held 25th of last month expressive of the Unity of his friends at home with his present religious engagements. — His company and Gospel Labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk

is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The business brought before us being concluded we propose to meet again in the 4th month next. at New Bedford.

Geo. W. Parker Clerk

U. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford 2d of 4th month 1840.

Accounts being received from all our monthly meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are for Sandwich Leos Kelly, Lowell Hoxie & Stephen Holway
Pembroke Edward P. Little & Moses F. Rogers.

Nantucket Benjamin Gardner & Sarah Paddock & Polly Mitchell
Dartmouth Abner Russell, Zebedee Gifford & Benjⁿ Tucker
Westport John Macomber, Stephen Allen & Sam^l Stodd
New Bedford Amasa Polano, Barnabas Taber &
Josiah Holmes Jr.

who are all present.

The representatives having proposed Geo. W. Parker for Clerk and William C. Taber for assistant Clerk of this meeting, the proposition was united with and they were appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

We are informed that Sandwich, Nantucket ~~and~~ Dartmouth and New Bedford Monthly Meetings have paid or directed to be paid their proportions of stock to our Treasurers.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings from which the annexed general answers were compiled and directed to be forwarded to our ensuing ^{Yearly} meeting.

The London General epistle of the last year was received and read to our satisfaction and the Clerk was

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directed to furnish copies to our several monthly meetings.

The following account to the Yearly meeting was approved.
ver. " To our next yearly meeting

Dear Friends

An extract from the minutes of the last Yearly Meeting with the report of the Boarding School Committee and a circular of that Committee first issued in the 8th mo 1835 also an Epistle from the Yearly meeting to its subordinate meetings, were received and read in this meeting and copies forwarded to our several monthly meetings. The London General Epistle of last year was also received and read and copies directed to be forwarded as above

We have also received from the meeting for suffering a Tract ^{issued by that meeting} declaratory of the views of the society of friends in relation to Church government and another expressive of the views of the society relation to Civil Government which are directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings

The Quens have been read in this meeting with answers from our several monthly meetings, from which the annexed summary was compiled and directed to be forwarded to you

We have united with Newmarket Monthly meeting in the appointment of Prince Gardner to the station of an Elder and with Sandwich Monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Lemuel Gifford

Our proportion of stock has been paid to your Treasures.

We have appointed our friends George Howland Barnabas Taber Paul Wing Benjamin Gardner Seth Davis Seth Kelley Isaac R Gifford John Macomber

and Samuel Brown our representatives to your meeting.

Signed by direction of Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford the 5th of Nov. 1840
Geo. W. Baker, Clerk "

Our esteemed Friend Charles Osborn of Springfield Monthly meeting Indiana attended this meeting in which his company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us.

Our Friend George Evans from Spiceland ^{no meeting} Indiana companion to the above named friend has also been acceptably with us at this time and the Clerk is directed is directed to furnish them respectively with a copy of these minutes.

Our esteemed friend Anna D. Wing opened in this meeting a concern which has for a considerable time accompanied her mind to attend the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and New York. New Pastors and Stanford Quarterly Meetings also of visiting some other meetings within the limits of New York Yearly meeting as expressed in a certificate of unity of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, which having claimed the consideration of this meeting was united with and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way she being a minister in unity with us. and the Clerk is directed.

Our esteemed friend Huldah Gifford opened in this meeting a concern which has for some time rested on her mind to accompany our Friend Anna D. Wing in her proposed religious visit as set forth in a certificate of Sandwich monthly meeting. The unity of friends was expressed therewith and she is left at.

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liberty to pursue her prospect as ~~the~~ way may open in the
truth, she being a minister in unity with us. 343

The Clerk is directed to endorse the substance of the
above minutes on the certificates of Sandwich monthly Texa
meeting and sign them on our behalf.

The business brought before this meeting being
accomplished we conclude

On behalf of the Meeting

Geo. W. Baker Clerk

Answers to the Queries Apr. 1840

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and
discipline, with the exception of two (one on the day of
holding one of our Quarterly meetings) have been duly
held, and those on first days with a few exceptions are
fully well attended. Wedweek meetings and those for
discipline are neglected by a considerable number. The
hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behav
our a few instances of sleeping excepted. Some labor has
been extended.

2^d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained
and detraction guarded ^{mostly} against, yet not so fully by all
as the truth requires on which account some can has
been extended. Encourages are used to end differences
when they arise.

3^d. There are a considerable number of Friends
who are engaged to bring up their under their direction
in plainness and to restrain them from reading perni
cious books and from corrupt conversation, and are good
examples herein themselves. while others are to witness
herein. The Holy scriptures we believe are frequently
read in pious families.

11th We believe friends are mostly careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, except a few instances mentioned in the account from one monthly meeting two of which are under notice and to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and other places of public resort a good degree of moderation is generally observed on the occasions referred to.

5th Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this Query except a few instances of children being sent out from among friends.

6th Most parents and heads of families with some of the young and unmarried, are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, while others are not so careful as the truth requires. In the account from one monthly meeting one case is mentioned as being under notice.

7th We know not but clear, except some instances when our testimonies in regard to priest wages are not so fully maintained as would be best, in which some care has been extended.

8th Most Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this Query.

9th Marriage certificates are all recorded. Births and Deaths nearly all, a few removals without certificate are under notice.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, though not in all cases so seasonably as would be best, and endeavors are used to place judgment when necessary in the authority of truth according to discipline.

E X T R A C T S
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 14th to the 19th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1840.

THE Annual Report of the Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School, under the care of this Meeting, was produced and read, and being satisfactory to Friends, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The School Committee Report, That they have endeavoured during the past year to attend to the service to which they were appointed by the Yearly Meeting. The average number of Scholars, for the year, has been eighty-six; for the past term, one hundred and eighteen. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; and harmony has prevailed.

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing continue to serve acceptably as Superintendents. Samuel Austin and Pliny Chase are employed as Teachers in the male department, and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth Osborne, in the female School. Jonathan L. Slocum has been engaged in the Institution as a Teacher during the past year, and Charles F. Coffin, jun. and Sarah J. Brown as assistant Teachers during the last term. George F. Read continues to give instruction in the Languages, and to have charge of the accounts.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by \$3,444 51, by which we are enabled to liquidate the debt of the Institution reported last year, and leave in the Treasury a balance of \$1,136 84. We do not think it expedient, however, to propose to the Yearly Meeting any considerable reduction in the terms of the admission of scholars, as the situation of the house and premises is such that a pretty large expenditure will soon be required for repairs and improvements. For details of the receipts and expenses we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith forwarded.

Ten scholars have enjoyed the privilege of the charitable fund the last term, and the same number may be received for the next winter term; and monthly meetings are requested to forward their applications for this privilege, by the time of the meeting of the Sub-Committee, on the 29th of 9th month next.

We would propose that the price per term, for admission of members of this Yearly Meeting, be \$30, commencing with the ensuing winter term: for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, (should any such by direction of the Yearly Meeting be received) be continued at \$45; and for members of other Yearly Meetings, \$50; and that \$10 per term additional charge should still be made for instruction in the Languages. Stationary and books, (except such as are required for the study of the

higher branches of Mathematics and the Languages) we would propose, should continue to be furnished at the expense of the Institution.

In the discharge of the duties that have devolved upon us in the direction of the concerns of the School, we have been desirous to keep steadily in view the original design of Friends in its establishment, viz. "the imparting to the youth of our Society a religious, guarded education, free from the contaminating influences of the world." While situated in this Institution we feel that parents have a right to expect that their children will be in good degree preserved from the hurtful things that abound in the world; that their tender minds will not receive impressions calculated to lessen their attachment either to the principles of our religious Society, or to the testimonies founded upon them. The press at the present day teems with publications, many of which are such as concerned parents would be unwilling should be placed within the reach of their children; and to maintain our Christian discipline, by restraining, so far as we are able, "from the reading of pernicious books," has appeared to us to be an important duty to be exercised by the Committee, and which we believe has rested with weight upon those who have been under this appointment, since the first establishment of the School. The time for which most of the pupils are placed in the Institution being limited, and necessarily mostly occupied in pursuing their regular studies, much opportunity is not afforded for general reading; and as the School is furnished with a valuable Library, consisting of not less than fourteen hundred volumes of well selected books, received principally from the bequests of our late beloved friends Moses and Obadiah Brown, to which the children have free access, we thought it proper in the 11th month last, after carefully considering what books and publications it was best to use and receive in the School, to adopt the following regulation, viz. "Believing that the Library of this Institution, together with the books and periodicals that have already been approved by this Committee, will afford the means for as great a variety of reading as the time and best interests of the scholars will require, it is our judgment that it is not expedient to extend the number at the present time; but that any books or publications brought by the scholars, or sent to them, be laid aside and preserved for them until they leave the School; or, if deemed best by the Superintendents, forwarded to their parents or guardians." While by adhering to this rule, we are aware that many writings are excluded with which we have no controversy, yet with the exercise of a sufficient liberality on the part of the Committee in the admission of those that will be likely to be productive of usefulness, we apprehend its adoption will not be deemed oppressive; but we trust it will prove a relief and satisfaction to many parents in different sections of the Yearly Meeting, who wish to place their children in the School.

During the past year, with the exception of the latter part of the last term, when the measles prevailed extensively but mildly in the house, the various inmates of the family have been favored with the enjoyment of nearly uninterrupted good health; which mercy, among the many we have received, calls for gratitude to Him from whom cometh all our blessings.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th mo. 8th, 1840.

[The next Winter term will commence on Second-day, 11th mo. 2d. The next Summer term, on Second-day, 5th mo. 3d, 1841.]

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket

Jan^o 2^d 1840

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are from Sandwich - Maletiah Gifford, Leno Kelley & Ebenezer Wing
Pembroke - Calvin Shepherd & Moses F. Rodgers
Nantucket - Isaac Mitchell & Gorham Hensley
Dartmouth - James Tucker, Humphrey Anthony & Freeman Lawrence.

Westport - Samuel Wade, Stephen Allen & John Macomber
New Bedford - Amariah Delano, Francis Taber & Joseph Taber.

who are all present.

The Clerk being absent the Assistant-Clerk is appointed to act as Clerk for the day. -

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended. -

We are informed by a minutes of our last Yearly Meeting that our proportion of the sum concluded to be raised for the service of that Meeting is three hundred sixty dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting when in funds. -

The Auditors report that they have settled with the Treasurer and find a balance in his hands of twenty-two dollars forty-five cents.

The Representatives propose that the sum of four hundred dollars be raised for the service of this Meeting the ensuing year and that it be apportioned as heretofore; which is united with and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met according to adjournment

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee were received and read and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

7th 1840

The Queries were read in this Meeting with answers from our several Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2^d & 10th

Our esteemed friends Richard Mott of Purchase M^o Meeting, New York and John P. Balderston of the Monthly Meeting of Baltimore for the Eastern & Western Districts in company with the Ancient Yearly Meetings of Friends I attended this Meeting in which their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each respectively.

The business brought before this Meeting being concluded we propose to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich

W. C. Baker, Clerk for the day

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich
1st of 10th Mo: 1840.

Accounts being received from all our M^o Meetings the Representatives therein named to this meeting are from Norwich David Wright Thomas Allen Stephen Holman, Pembroke Simon Hobbs Nathan T. Shepard, Aqueduct East Ward R. Smith Isaac Mitchell Esq. Louis Dartmouth Esq. John Esq. Albert Allen Esq. Dufford, Westport John W. Dufford Anthony Dufford Esq. Wrentham & Westport Francis Lake Esq. Sandwich Mrs. Davis, who are all present.

Our Esteemed friend John Mott attended this meeting with a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Providence held last month. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read with answers to the

10th 2^d 10th

The
 was read to our satisfaction.

Our esteemed friends Anna D. May and

 greeted them in the 4th month last with extracts
 of

 in the 5th month last, expressing that they had
 a
 religious services were acceptable. They also informed
 the meeting that they were enabled to perform their
 visit to the peace of their own minds.

The business brought before us being accom-
 plished we adjourned, we will meet again in
 the 12th mo. next, at New Bedford.

Geo. W. Baker, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting at
 New Bedford 3^d of 12th mo. 1840

Accounts being received from all our monthly
 meetings the Representatives therein named to the
 meeting are from

Sandwich, Zeno Kelly Ebenezer May & David Horne
 Pembroke, Ellis Ellis Edward P. Little
 Wintucket, Isaac Mitchell Abel

Wesport Monthly Meeting. 18th Nov. 1844. The
Wesport Monthly Meeting. 18th Nov. 1844.

Annals of the Wesleyan Mission Society.

Who are all present.

Wesport Monthly Meeting inform that they
have decided their proportion of stock to be paid
to the Treasurer of this meeting.

The Queries were read with answers from all
our monthly meetings to the 1st Q. & 10th.

Our esteemed friends Messrs H. B. B. of Rhode
Island Monthly Meeting, Simeon M. Fogg of
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, William W. W. of
Providence and Elizabeth P. P. of
South Kingston Monthly Meetings have been with
us at this time with satisfactory minutes from
their respective meetings. Their company and
religious services have been acceptable to us and the
Clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with
minutes containing the substance of this.

Our esteemed friend Susan H. H. returned
to this meeting a certificate granted her by this meeting
in the 7th 1844 accompanied with satisfactory minutes
from the Monthly meetings of Scituate and Weymouth.
She informed us that she was enabled to perform the
arduous services allotted her to the relief of her own
peace of her own mind.

Being informed in the account from the
monthly meeting that C. C. C. has appeared
from the judgment of that meeting denying him the
right of membership and that they have appointed

a committee to represent the case before this meeting
and the appearing & prosecute his appeal. we appoint
Melanah Gifford Lem Kelly, Esq. & R. M. M. & C. M.
Isaac Mitchell Hiram Smith Swain James Tucker Joseph
Gifford Stephen Allen & John Macomber to take
said appeal into consideration here the appealant and the
committee of the monthly meeting and report to our
next Quarterly meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished
and we conclude by proposing to meet again in the 11th
month next at this place.

Geo. Butler Clerk

At Quarterly Meeting held at
Bedford 1st of 4th mo. 1841.

Accounts being received from our several monthly
meetings the representatives therein named to this meet-
ing are from

Sandwich Daniel Bowman Daniel Ming Paul Ming
Pembroke Simon Hoxie Nathan S. Shepards
Bedford Samuel Adams John Aspin Isaac Mitchell
Dorchester John G. Gifford John Gifford
Westport John Potter Stephen Allen John W. Gifford
New Bedford Joseph Davis W. B. Kelly Hiram Smith
who are all present.

The Representatives having proposed George H. R. for
Clerk and William C. Baker for Assistant Clerk of this
meeting the proposition is united with and they are appointed
to their services for the year ensuing.

We are informed that all our monthly meetings have
paid their proportions of stock to the Treasurer of this
meeting.

The queries were read with answers from all our monthly meetings from which the annexed general answers were compiled and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly meeting.

Our esteemed friend Thomas Anthony attended this meeting with a minute from Greenwich Mt. meeting dated 29th of last month expressing the unity of friends of that meeting with his present religious concerns. His company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying; and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly meeting upon the appeal of Brother Gifford from the judgement of New Bedford Monthly meeting presented the following report viz

To the Quarterly meeting

Dear Friends We were appointed in the case of Brother Gifford. Report. That we have had an interview with him and with the monthly meeting committee and after fully hearing the statements of both parties, are united in believing that it will be best to confirm the judgement of New Bedford monthly meeting. Signed

Benjamin Souin

Joseph Gifford

James Tucker

John Macomber

Stephen Allen

Marshall Gifford

Leah Kelley

Edward P. Little

Olis Ellis

Sam. Mitchell

Which report is accepted and the judgement of said monthly meeting denying him the rights of membership is thereby confirmed and the Clerk is directed

to give the applicant this information.

A testimony of Sandwich Monthly meeting respecting our late beloved friend Browning Swift deceased was read in this meeting and much unity being expressed therewith and the women's meeting concerning the clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf and forwards it to the meeting for sufferings with a copy of this minute annexed.

The following account to the Yearly meeting is approved and directed to be signed by the clerk.

" To our next Yearly meeting.

Dear Friends

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee also the London general epistle of last year have been received and read in this and copies forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from our several monthly meetings, from which the annexed summary was compiled and directed to be forwarded to you.

Our proportion of stock has been paid to your Treasurers.

We appoint James Tucker Francis Taber Melahus Cyrra Prince Gardner Leno Kelley Seth Davis Isaac Lawrence and John Macomber our representatives to our meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Sandwich Monthly meeting held at New Bedford the 1st of Novr 1841.

Asst. Mod. John Stone

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we purpose to meet again in the 1st month next at Nantucket.

Summary

Answer 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline with the exception of our Sabbath meetings have within the year of a Committee have been attended, those on first days by most of our members. Midweek meetings and those for discipline are neglected by a considerable number, the hour is nearly observed, preserved from sleeping with the exception of a few instances and generally clear of other unbecoming behavior. Some care has been extended.

Answer 2^d. We believe that most friends are concerned to maintain love and unity and to guard against detraction yet we fear there is a deficiency with a considerable number in these respects. Endeavors are used to end differences when they arise. Some care taken

3. A concern is manifested by most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupting conversation and to be exemplary herein themselves, while others do not appear to be sufficiently engaged in these parts. The Holy scriptures being as frequently read in friends' families.

4th. We believe friends are mostly careful to restrain the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns, other places of public resort not so carefully avoided by a few, as would be best. Moderation appears to be maintained on the occasions referred to.

5th. We know not but clear except a few instances of placing children in unsuitable situations.

E X T R A C T S
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 13th to the 17th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1841.

THE Annual Report of the Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School was produced and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings; and Friends were desired to give their attention to the suggestions of the Committee in regard to the admission of scholars. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk

T O T H E Y E A R L Y M E E T I N G .

THE Committee appointed to superintend the various concerns of the Boarding School, Report, That they have endeavoured during the past year, to attend to the important trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting. The average number of scholars in the Institution has been eighty-five. Meetings for religious worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; and harmony, we believe, has prevailed.

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing continue to occupy the place of Superintendents, acceptably to us. Samuel Austin and Joseph W. Aldrich are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich and Rebecca Chipman in the Girls'. George F. Read continues to have charge of the Books, and to instruct in the Languages. Pliny E. Chase has been employed as a Teacher during the past year, and Charles H. Nichols, Elizabeth H. Osborne and Lydia Earle, each, one term.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by \$1066, 31 cents, and that there is now a balance in the Treasury of \$2203, 15 cents. Twenty-two hundred and twenty dollars and 17 cents have been expended in various repairs on the buildings and furniture for the house; and as many additional repairs and improvements are required about the house and farm, we do not consider it expedient to propose any change in the price of admission from that of last year, viz. \$30 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; \$45, for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members; and \$50 for members of our Society, of other Yearly Meetings; Books and Stationary to continue to be furnished, as at present. We herewith forward a copy of the Superintendent's account, for the information of the Yearly Meeting.

While the Committee believe that manifest advantage has resulted from the division of the year into *terms*, they are sensible it has not been so fully realized as is desirable, from the circumstance that many scholars have entered for a less time than one term, and at different periods in it. While we are aware there may be cases in which parents may desire to place their children in the School for only three months, and we would not wish to deny this privi-

lege when circumstances seem to forbid their remaining through a whole term, yet we hope these applications will not be frequent ; and we believe the good of all requires that in future, in such cases, the scholars shall enter either at the commencement or the middle of the term.

Inconvenience has sometimes arisen from a neglect of the observance of the regulation adopted by the Yearly Meeting at the establishment of the School, that for all males over fourteen years of age, the consent of the Sub-Committee to their entrance must be obtained previously to their coming to the School, and for the future we would propose that this Rule should be strictly adhered to. It will be remembered that the Sub-Committee meets at the Institution on third day before the first fifth day in every month.

Ten scholars have enjoyed the benefit of the charitable fund during the past term ; and the same number may receive the privilege the ensuing winter session ; and Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their applications at or before the time of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the fifth of the tenth month.

An examination of the School has taken place at the close of each term, in the presence of special Committees appointed for that purpose, and their reports of the proficiency of the pupils and the general condition of the School, have been satisfactory to us. In the one presented at this time, after referring to the satisfaction derived from the visit, the Committee proceed to state, that "the correctness of the recitations of the children, and the readiness and knowledge manifested in the various studies to which they have given their attention, evinced a commendable degree of industry and application on the part of the scholars, and of care and diligence on that of the Teachers ; and the general appearance of the schools and the orderly deportment of the pupils while we were with them, received our approbation." We can but regret that the number of scholars is not larger than it has been for the past few years, believing as we do, that an opportunity is afforded in this Institution to obtain a useful education, in good measure guarded from the contaminating influences of the world ; and we would desire that Friends might be encouraged to avail themselves of its benefits.

In conclusion we may state that the family and scholars have been favored with almost uninterrupted good health during the past year ; which, with the many other mercies graciously extended to us by Him who condescends still to care for us, calls for the tribute of grateful hearts.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th mo. 7th, 1841.

[The next Winter term will commence on Second-day, 11th mo. 1st. The next Summer term, on Second-day, 5th mo. 2d, 1842.]

THE Meeting for Sufferings having published an edition of Memorials of deceased Friends of this Yearly Meeting, it was recommended to subordinate Meetings to enter into subscriptions therefor, (at twenty-five cents each,) and the Clerks of Monthly Meetings were requested to forward to the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings, an account of the number of copies called for in each Meeting:

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, Jun. *Clerk.*

6th. Law we believe is prevalent with most friends that proceedings with respect to marriage may be conformable to discipline.

7th. Our testimonies in these respects are generally maintained excepting a few instances of attending meetings where there is a hired ministry.

8th. Most careful in the several parts of this Query, with a few exceptions in the fulfilment of promises and payment of just debts. Some care extended.

9th. Our records are attended to several removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried (though not in all cases so reasonably as would be best) and to place judgment when necessary in the authority of truth respecting to discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at Nantucket -
-et. 1st of 7th mo. 1841.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are from Sandwich, Daniel Swift. Nathan May Lena Kelley Pembroke, Calvin Sheppard. Moses H. Rogers Nantucket, Liban Raddock Kimball Shuback Reuben Day Easton, Seth Davis Denys Tucker Henry Potter Westport, Stephen Allen John Potter Saml. Slade New Bedford, Geo. W. Baker Francis Labbe Jos. W. Davis who are all present.

The Representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended, excepting one who was prevented by sickness in his family.

We are informed by a minute of our last years meeting that our proportion of the sum concluded to be raised in the services of that meeting is three hundred and ninety dollars, which our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Treasurer of that meeting when in funds.

The Auditors report that they have settled with the Treasurer of this meeting and find a balance in his hands of thirty two dollars and thirty six cents.

The Representatives propose that the sum of four hundred & fifty dollars be raised for the service of this meeting the ensuing year and that it be apportioned as follows viz

Sandwich Mr. Meeting	14/100
Pembroke	4/100
Nantucket	20/100
Dartmouth	15/100 17/
Westport	14/100 12/
New Bedford	33/100

which is united with and our several monthly meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to our Treasurer.

Adjourned to the 3^d hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met by adjournment

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School committee were received and read and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several monthly meetings.

The Queries were read with answer from our several monthly meetings to the 1st 2^d & 10th.

Our esteemed friends Joseph Bowne of Butternuts monthly meeting State of New York, Thomas Jones of Durham Mo. meeting, Richard H. Thomas of Baltimore Md. meeting for the eastern & western districts in unity with the ancient yearly meetings of Friends, and Phoebe C. Haynes of Andover monthly meeting, Pennsylvania, have attended this meeting in which their company and religious services have been comforting and edifying to us. And we are informed that our friend Thomas Jones has attended several of the monthly and particular meetings within our limits to the satisfaction of friends. ~~And the clerk is directed to furnish~~ them with copies of this minute as it relates to each respectively.

The company of our friends Eli Haynes of Andover monthly meeting who accompanies his wife Phoebe C. Haynes in his present religious engagement, and John Buffum ^{of Durham Mo. meeting} companion to our friend Thomas Jones has been acceptable to us at this time, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute as it relates to each respectively.

The friend named at our last Quarterly meeting to inform brother Gifford of the conclusion of the ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting} in relation to his appeal reports that he has been informed.

The business brot before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again in the 10th month next at Sandwich.

George W. Baker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting held at
Sandwich 7th of 10th mo. 1841.

Accounts being received from our several monthly
meetings the representatives therein named to this
meeting are — from.

Sandwich, Daniel Wing Melutiah Gifford Ebenezer Wing
Pembroke Edward P. Little Samuel Brown
Nantucket, Isaac Mitchell Peleg Mitchell Benjⁿ. Gardner
Dartmouth, Jos. Gifford Benjⁿ. Tucker Abner Potter
Westport, Peleg Wilborn John W. Gifford Gideon Gifford
New Bedford, Job Eddy Sands King George M. Kistner
who are all present.

The Queries were read with answers from all
our monthly meetings to ^{the 1st} 2^d & 10th.

Being informed in the account from Nantucket
monthly meeting, that that meeting had united
in proposing the appointment of Isaac Mitchell
to the station of an elder. After a time of solid
consideration it was concluded to refer the subject
to our next Quarterly meeting.

Our esteemed friend Anna A. Perkins with a
minute from the Monthly Meeting of Providence
held 28th of 7^{mo} attended this meeting. Her
company and religious services have been acceptable
to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk
of the women's meeting in furnishing her with a
minute embracing the substance of the above and
sign it on our behalf.

Our esteemed friend Susan Howland spread
before this meeting a concern which has for several
years impressed her mind to pay a religious visit

to friends of North Carolina, and for several months she has believed it right for her to attend the ensuing Yearly meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina, some of the meetings constituting the latter, and some meetings ^{on the way} going and returning, as expressed in a certificate of unity of New Bedford Monthly meeting. Which claiming the consideration of the meeting was fully united with and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may direct. She being a minister in unity with us. and the Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the women's meeting in furnishing her with a preparing an endorsement to be entered on the certificate of New Bedford Monthly meeting and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The business brought before this meeting being concluded we propose to meet again in the 12th month next at New Bedford.

George W. Baker Clerk

All-Sandwich's Quarterly meeting held at New Bedford D. of 12th mo. 1841.

Accounts being received from all our monthly meetings the representatives therein named to this meeting are from,

Sandwich, Ebenezer Wing Stephen Dillingham David Kelly

Pembroke, Moses F. Rogers Edward P. Little

New Bedford, John P. Smith James Austin Chas R. Loring

Dartmouth, Maria M. Gifford Mary Jane C. Gifford

Westport, Nathaniel Gifford John Freeman Maria B. Anthony.

New Bedford, Amariah Gilman S. Eddy Misses E. & Stanton, who were all present.

The Queries were read with answers from
all our monthly meetings to the 1st Q. 10th.

The London General Epistle of the present
year was read to our satisfaction.

The proposition from Buxton's Monthly
meeting for the appointment of Isaac Mitchell
to the station of an Elder referred from our last
Quarterly Meeting being again under consideration.
It was concluded to appoint a committee to take
the subject into consideration and report at a future
meeting. James Tucker Barnabas Tabor
Abraham Shearman & Seth Davis George Howland
Francis Tabor Isaac Lawrence Joseph Davis & John
Macomber are appointed to that service.

About twenty five copies of the book of discipline
having been received from the meeting for sufferings
the meeting directed that they be left in the care
of our friends Abraham Shearman & Samuel
Gifford to be delivered by them to the overseers
of such meetings as are not sufficiently supplied
and report to this meeting when accomplished.

Our esteemed friend Susan Howland returned
a certificate granted her by this meeting in the
year last with satisfactory minutes from the
Yearly Meetings of Baltimore held in the 10th mo.
and Anti-Corintha in the 11th mo. Also from the
Western Quarterly meeting held 13th & 14th and
each year's Monthly meeting held the 14th of the same,
and she informed us that she had been favored to
perform the service to the relief and satisfaction
of her own mind.

The business brought forth before our meeting
being concluded we chose to meet again in the
11th mo. next at New Bedford

Wm. L. Butler, Clerk

600 Epistles divided
as follows 3rd 1840

Dartm?	110	110	115
Westport,	55	55	55
New Bedford,	125	125	130
Nantucket,	175	175	175
Sandwich,	100	100	100
Embrake,	20	20	20
	585	585	615

Times & places of holding Sandwich M^o meetings

All to be held on the first-sixth day of each respective month,
except those in the 14th, 7th, 10th, and 12th.

4th mo. to be held, on the 2^d day, preceding the Quarterly Meeting.
7th id. on the 5th day, preceding do.
10th id. on the 6th day, after the Quarterly Meeting
12th id. on the 2^d day, preceding do.

On the 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, & 12th months, at Sandwich.
1, 5, 7, & 9 at Falmouth.
3 & 11. at Yarmouth.

THE
EPISTLE
FROM THE
YEARLY MEETING,
HELD IN
LONDON,

BY ADJOURNMENTS, FROM THE 19TH OF THE FIFTH MONTH, TO THE
28TH OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE, 1841.

TO THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF FRIENDS, IN GREAT
BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND ELSEWHERE.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the early believers were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, and all made to drink into one Spirit: this blessed fellowship has from age to age been the experience of his faithful followers: and we believe that, through the same grace, we have, in the midst of abounding infirmities, been brought into some enjoyment of it, and comforted together in him. We therefore feel engaged again to offer you the salutation of our love; and it is our prayer unto the Father of mercies, that we may all be builded together in Christ "for an habitation of God through the Spirit." In this renewed sense of our Saviour's love towards us as a Church, we bid you to be of a hopeful and confiding mind; not to give way to depression or

dismay ; but, whilst sensible of great unworthiness, to look upwards unto God, and to press towards the mark for the prize, under the consoling persuasion that He is ready to be gracious unto us.

There are those among you, beloved friends, whose tribulations and conflicts are, we believe, many ; who are often discouraged in having but few associated with them in maintaining their Christian profession, and in fulfilling those duties in the church which they see they ought to perform, and which in their love to Christ they would be glad to discharge. We would invite such to yield in patience to the exercise of mind into which they may thus be introduced, under the thankful persuasion that it is from the Lord ; we would encourage you to faithfulness and diligence, and to believe that as the eye is single, He, your Almighty Helper, will give you strength for the service, and permit you to feel that your labors and sufferings are not in vain in Him. May you then be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Dear friends, we earnestly entreat you all to seek continually to abide in Christ. In some sense of the great love wherewith He hath loved us, and given Himself for us, ask in faith and in sincerity for the help of his Spirit that you may love Him and keep his words : his gracious promise then will be fulfilled : " My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him ;" and then will the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, teach these, the believing children of their Lord, all things necessary for their salvation. Marvellous is this condescension ! May we never write or speak of these things but with reverence and thankfulness of soul, and under a feeling of their sacred import. Blessed and happy are all those who, being reconciled unto God by the death of his Son, and delivered from the dominion of sin and Satan, are thus brought to that spiritual-mindedness which is life and

peace. Such is the high privilege offered to the true disciple of Christ, in the covenant which God hath made and which shall never be broken. In this covenant all the living members of the true church are bound one to another in the unity of the Spirit, and are supplied with zeal and strength and courage to do the will of our Heavenly Father.

We therefore desire that all our dear friends individually may participate in the true fellowship with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. May you not rest satisfied without knowing for yourselves that you are no longer conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind, and turned from darkness to light. Wait for and mind the shining of this light, then will you be enabled to see and to walk in the path of duty. In love to your Lord and Redeemer, and in gratitude for what he has done and suffered for you, be concerned to commend your profession of discipleship, by striving to keep all the commandments of your Lord, and to follow Him who was "meek and lowly in heart." In the exercise of a tender and enlightened conscience, maintain an upright testimony to the purity and spirituality of his religion, though it may be through suffering: and be careful, that neither for the sake of worldly reputation, from a love of ease, nor from an unwillingness to part with any of your possessions, you incur the condemnation conveyed in his words, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me: and he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me." Subject yourselves frequently to an honest self-examination in the light of the Lord: this will greatly help your growth in grace: if you are hereby made sensible of manifold transgressions, and of cause for deep humiliation, you will feel the safety and the privilege of abiding in Christ; and in your value for this spiritual experience you will

fear to lose any sense of his government as the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls ; and you will rejoice in knowing Him to be your Intercessor and your High Priest.

In the present mixed state of society it is especially incumbent upon all, carefully to watch their varied engagements in life. In conducting your outward affairs, whether in agriculture or trade or as professional men, and even in the investment of your property, scrupulously avoid doing any thing that may compromise our Christian testimonies, or lessen their excellence in the sight of others. Maintain strict integrity and plain dealing, marked by Christian courtesy and respect to all, at the same time showing by your conduct that your first concern is to lay up treasure in heaven. Whilst a cheerful and kind, yet guarded intercourse is kept up with others, take care that your words be such as to minister grace to the hearers, to the use of edifying. In transacting his business, and in providing things honest in the sight of men, the true Christian may, in his daily walk, exalt his profession and commend his principles to others. May those who are entrusted with a considerable portion of this world's goods be faithful stewards of the same in their lifetime. We shall have to give an account hereafter both of the manner of acquiring our property, and of its appropriation. Happy will it be for us if, in the great day of account, we are found, in regard to these things, to have been seeking to do all to the glory of God.

In fulfilling the duties of life, when occasions occur in which you may consistently serve the community in a civil capacity, be concerned to know whether it is right for you to be thus engaged ; and be watchful that such undertakings do not mar the work of the Lord in your hearts, or interfere with your line of service in his church. The like watchfulness should be maintained, when taking a public part with others, in associations for the purpose of lessening the mass of vice and misery which may prevail around you, or in works of more ex-

tended philanthropy. When we consider the seductive influence of popularity, and the self-satisfaction consequent upon the successful efforts of the intellectual powers, even in a good cause, we feel bound, with affectionate earnestness, to caution our friends against being led to take an undue part in the many exciting objects of the present day. As those who may be in the meridian of life, or its more advanced periods, are watchful in regard to their own conduct in these things, they will be qualified to exercise a fatherly care over our dear younger friends, who may be more especially exposed to similar temptations; and in that care to extend counsel, caution and warning.

Thus endeavoring to have the whole life regulated by the fear of God under the guidance of his holy Spirit, you will become preachers of righteousness to those around you. And in deep humility of soul and retiredness of character, you will evince your concern to comply with the injunction of the Apostle, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Our hearts have been touched on hearing memorials of some of our departed friends whom we have loved and honoured as faithful servants of their Lord. Many of these were called of Him in their early days, and as they yielded to the convincing and converting power of his Spirit, they became qualified for usefulness in his church; and having fulfilled the service assigned them, they have died in the faith and hope of the Gospel — Their course has presented a satisfactory evidence that our Christian principles lead in the way of holiness: fervent are our aspirations at the throne of grace that our dear young friends may be strengthened to pursue an undeviating course in this path: it is a narrow way, but it leads to everlasting life: they that walk therein must, however, know the flesh to be crucified with the affections and lusts thereof. They will then feel that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God." — The conditions of discipleship set forth by our Lord are

concise, but they are full; "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." We believe that it was in the acceptance of this doctrine of the Gospel in its comprehensive and searching import, that our early friends were led by the Spirit to that detachment from the world, and that Christian simplicity and self-denial on which are founded our testimony to plainness of language and attire. We do not esteem these as little things, because we believe that the true followers of our Lord will consider nothing little which He requires them to perform. May you, dear young friends, in the faithful discharge of these and of all your other duties, seek with singleness of heart to know and to do the will of God.

We have received an Epistle from our dear friends in Ireland, and one from each of the several Yearly Meetings on the American Continent. These proofs of the love of our distant brethren have afresh ministered to our comfort, and have been felt to strengthen that union which, as brethren of the same faith, it is to be earnestly desired should at all times be maintained between us.

The amount of the sufferings of our members, as reported to us at this time, including the costs and charges of restraint, is upwards of nine thousand six hundred pounds. With the exception of a very few demands of a military nature, these sufferings are all consequent on the non-payment of tithes, tithe-rent-charge, the expenses of commutation and apportionment, those called church rates, and other ecclesiastical imposts. We believe that the refusal of all demands of this nature, was laid upon our forefathers as a testimony against the corruptions of the church, and to the spiritual reign and government of Christ; and that, in the patient endurance of persecution, in consequence of this part of their Christian profession, they were evidently owned of their Lord. We are comforted at this time in the persuasion, that the support of this our ancient Christian

testimony continues to be felt as a religious duty by our members, and that not a few of our younger friends are brought to an increased sense of its importance, and of the duty of faithfully maintaining it. This testimony, so far as tithes are concerned, is grounded both on their origin and their application, and seeing that the rent-charge into which the legislature has commuted them is payable to the same persons and applicable to the same purposes, we feel bound to press upon all our friends, the plain and obvious duty of supporting the testimony in reference to the substituted charge with the like faithfulness and consistency, and with the like straightforwardness as have marked the maintenance of it in reference to the impost in its original shape.—The present state of things in this country calls for especial vigilance, that we continue firmly yet meekly to bear an open testimony against those ecclesiastical encroachments, and that interference with the rights of conscience, which still prevail. It is at the same time our desire, in relation to this duty, that all our conduct may prove that it results from the exercise of a tender conscience, and may continue to be, as we believe it has ever been on the part of our Society, free from political considerations.

This meeting has believed it to be a duty to issue a Christian testimony against all wars and fightings. We feel that it is a serious thing thus to set forth the unlawfulness of these practices, and, whilst holding up to our members and to the public the Scriptural grounds of our profession in this respect, we are earnestly solicitous that we may each live in the spirit of love, forgiveness, and peace, and in true Christian charity towards all men. The maintenance of these virtues is much endangered by yielding to political excitement: this is a snare in various ways at the present day: existing circumstances present a loud and special call to our members to be on their guard, that they neither impair their peace of mind and retard their spiritual progress, nor bring any reproach on the cause of Chris-

tianity by involving themselves in party spirit, and that they in no way countenance or encourage those scenes of vice and drunkenness which have almost uniformly prevailed in public political contests.

Patience, faith, and quietness of mind, with true dedication of heart,—all exercised in the fear of God, with prayer and supplication unto Him through the mediation of our Lord,—these, beloved friends, are with us the watchwords of the day. Keep to them, and our Heavenly Father will grant you preservation and strength, and bring you to a holy settlement in Christ.

We separate in brotherly love, and with a renewed trust in the Lord our God, unto whom we would reverently ascribe thanksgiving and praise for all his mercies.

Signed, in and on behalf of the Meeting, by

GEORGE STACEY,

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

AT the YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, held on RHODE-ISLAND, for NEW-ENGLAND, from the 10th to the 13th of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1821 :

THE following Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE being read, was accepted, and the Clerk directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Extracted from the Minutes of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE Boarding School Committee report, that the School is still continued under the care of MATTHEW and BETSEY PURINTON, as Superintendents, and THOMAS HOWLAND, STEPHEN A. CHASE and ABIGAIL PERCE, as Instructors. The number of children at the Institution for the past year has averaged about seventy-five for the whole year. Meetings for worship have been continued, as previously established. The family has been preserved in harmony and the concerns of the Institution, generally, so conducted, as to afford continued promise of usefulness.

By the accounts of the Superintendent it appears, that the expenses of the Family have been paid by the receipts for board and tuition, and that the Institution is now free from debt. Most of the Monthly Meetings have availed themselves of the privilege given last year of sending one child to the Institution for the space of six months, and such as have not availed themselves of it, viz. Seabrook, Sandwich, N. H. Windham, Sidney and Harlem, are now considered at liberty to send one child each, twelve months, provided they conclude so to do within six months from this date; and such Monthly Meetings as have availed themselves of the privilege, have the liberty of sending a child each six months of the ensuing year; or if preferred by any Monthly Meetings, they may send two children three months each.

THE Committee, having noticed with concern, that as respects plainness of dress, their recommendations in minutes forwarded to be different Monthly Meetings have not, in divers instances, been attended to, think that usefulness may result from bringing their minute of 2d month, 1819, before the Yearly Meeting, that it may again be forwarded to the Monthly Meetings, under its sanction.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

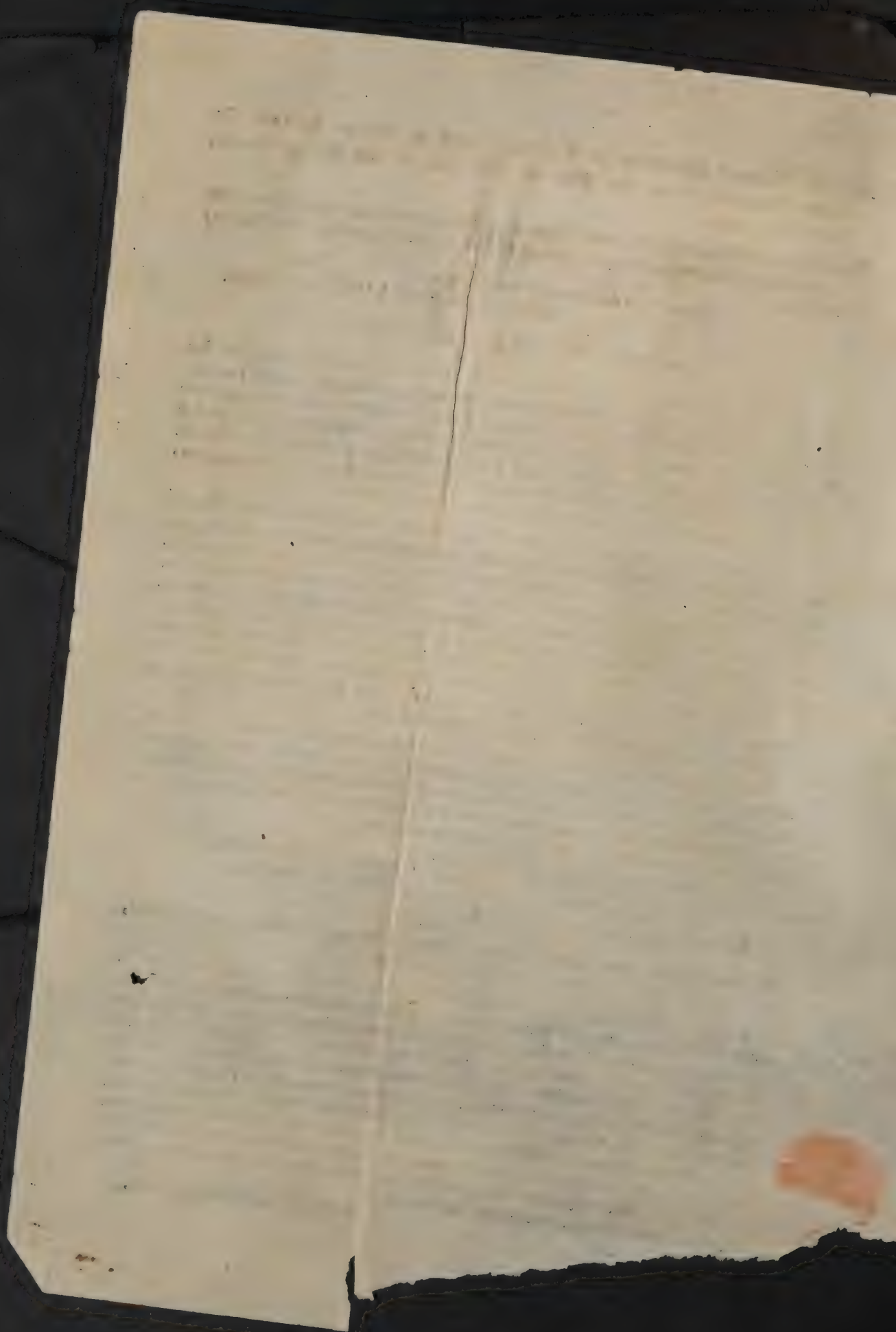
SAMUEL RODMAN,
DORCAS BROWN.

PROVIDENCE, 5TH MO. 4TH, 1821.

Extract from the Minutes of the YEARLY MEETING BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
Providence, 3d of 2d Mth, 1819 :

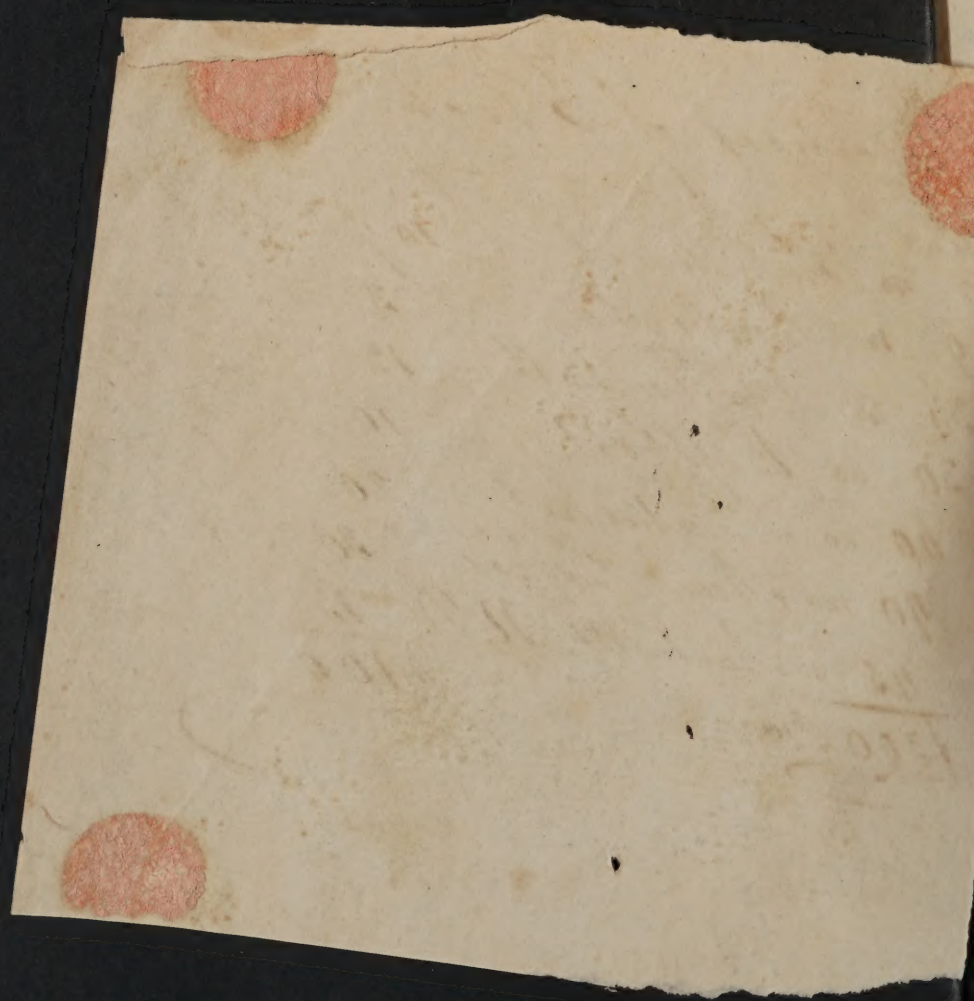
IT has appeared necessary, from experience derived since the opening of the Institution, that more general circumspection should be extended in sending Children to the School, conformable to the recommendation of the printed Circular of the 12th Month last. And to preserve the order necessary to carry the object of the Yearly Meeting into more complete effect, it is recommended, that each Monthly Meeting appoint a few suitable Friends to whom application may be made by Parents or Guardians of Children, who are desirous of placing them at the School.—That the Friends, so appointed, consider it their duty, not only to enjoin that the Children come in a plain dress, and in the use of the plain Scripture language, but that they are of good habits. And that they give a few lines to that import, for the information of the Superintendents and Instructors at the School.

SAMUEL RODMAN, Clerk.



Proportions of Stock. 1819

1820			
30	40	Sandwich	10 per cent.
9	12	Pembroke,	3 — " —
36	48	Dartmouth	12 — " —
30	40	Westport	10 — " —
60	80	Nantucket	20 — " —
90	120	New Bedford	30 — " —
45	60	Nantucket, N.D.	15 — " —
\$300		\$400	\$100



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**AT a Meeting of the BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE, held at Newport,
14th of 6th mo. 1821.**

IT was concluded that the Meetings of the School Committee, at the School-house, be held the same as last year, viz. on the 6th day of the week (following the Quarterly Meetings of Rhode-Island,) in the 2d and 5th months, at the 10th hour in the morning, and in the 8th and 11th months, at the 2d hour in the afternoon.—And that an Annual Meeting of the Committee, be held at Newport, on the day following the close of the Yearly Meeting, at the 8th hour in the morning.

That the Acting-Committee meet at the School-house, on the third day after the last fifth day in each month, at the 10th hour in the morning.

It was also concluded, that the five Monthly Meetings mentioned in the report to the Yearly Meeting, who have the privilege of sending a Child each, for twelve months, be at liberty, if preferred by them, to send each of them two Children six months. [This last Minute need only be read in the Meetings to which it has reference.]

Extracted from the Minutes of the Committee,

SAMUEL RODMAN, Clerk.

